NAPANEE

THE CANADIAN DEPARTMENT STORES LIMITED

Phones: 71 - 72

STORE HOURS : — 9:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M. — WEDNESDAYS : 9:00 A.M. TO 12:30 NOON. SATURDAYS : 9:00 A.M. TO 9:30 P.M.

(A) CONSTRUCTION SET FOR THE BUILDERS — IN 3 SIZES
No. 1 — Makes a limited number of play toys for the smaller children. Set 1.50
No. 2 — Larger set for older children, to build model bridges, derricks, wagons, etc. Set 2.50
No. 3 — For more intricate model-building. Windmills Cathedrals, elevators, ferris wheels, etc. Set 5.00

(B) BAGATELLE BOARD. About 18 ins. long by 9 ins. wide, wooden board with 9 marbles included. Each 1.89

(C) SENIOR NURSE SET. Carrying case contains miniature make believe nurse's apron, cap, mask, thermometer, tongue depressor, eyewashers, sponge, absorbent cotton, bandages, candy pills and capsules and several charts and forms. Case about 11 ins. by 7 ins. Set 98c
Junior Nurse's Set — 49c.

(D) PASTRY SET. Neatly boxed set consists of bake board about 9 by 5 ins., rolling pin, glass mixing bowl, potato masher and wooden bowl. 8-Piece Set 39c

(E) TEN PIN GAME. Set consists of three balls and ten wooden pins. Complete in box. Set 1.00

(G) ARCHERY SET. Wood Bow, about 27 inches long. Arrow, about 13 inches long. Set 25c

(H) JOLLY MILLER SAND SET. Gay mill-wheel revolves when sand is poured into hopper and falls into cardboard box. Cardboard Mill complete with sand. Set 98c

(J) ARMOURED TANK. Sturdy pull-toy. Strong wood and attractive cardboard construction with imitation gun on top. Size, about 10 ins. long by 6 ins. high. Each 49c

(K) SNOW SHOVELS. Just right for helping Daddy! Metal shovel, size 7 by 6 ins. Wood handle. Each 29c

(M) "HE SHOOTS — HE SCORES!" An indoor hockey game for two or four players. This "all-metal" table game has a return ball feature in the goals to prevent disputes. Wood and wire construction. Each 5.65

(O) STURDY NURSERY STEED. Farm all-wood construction, smoothly painted, with proud mane effect. Size, approximately 9 ins. wide by 32 ins. long by 21 ins. high. Seat approximately 10½ inches high. Each 4.50

From Now to Noël.. Its C.D.S. for Gifts

For.... "Bed and Board" Santa Suggests Gifts a home-loving woman would appreciate.

"SWEET DREAMERS"
A gift-worthy suggestion is the pillow cases — clear even weave. Hemstitched hems — delicate appliqué and embroidery edgings. Size about 42 ins. wide. Appliqued in Rose, Blue, Gold, Coral or Green. Boxed in a set. Pair 1.39

"LAUNDRY SAVERS"
Give clever place mats she will use day-after-and-day-around, for their practical beauty and labour-saving qualities. Colourful beauty and damp cloth to clean. Good choice of patterns and colours. Sizes about 10 ins. by 17 ins. Natural-toned cork, printed motif ..... Each 39
Coloured background cork mats with fruit or floral design ..... Each 59

EXQUISITE GIFT PIECES IN FINE ENGLISH COTTON LACE
(As Sketched) Three-piece Vanity set, including tray 6x9 ins. round one approx. 10 by 14 inches mat 89c
(Not Sketched) 10x12 ins. ornate Ea. 35c
12x18 ins. place mat Ea. 49c
15x33 ins. runner Each 1.00
15x42 ins. runner Each 1.19
All size sizes are approximate.

From Now to Noël.. Its C.D.S. for Gifts

Gaily Coloured

Housecoats

Are Such Useful Gifts

● Here is a charming group of House Coats — in the lot will be found floral Bengalines — novelty Cottons ... in gaily coloured patterns. Sizes — 14 to 42. Prices range from ...

$4.95 to $6.95

Dainty, fragrant soap "rose-buds" — good quality — free lathering soap in various popular scents. — Box of three cakes 49c

Christma "Ties"

Skein of gay rayon ribbon "tie-up" for your parcels — about ¾-inch wide — approximately six yards in skein 10c

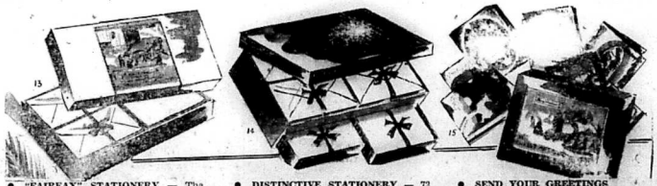
Wrap your gift in cheery Christmas colors. — Christmas wrapping paper ... sheets approx. 12 by 26 inches. — White (15 sheets in roll); Red (12 sheets in roll); Green (12 sheets in roll. Roll 10c

For Christmas

Colorful Crepe Paper Tablecloths in bright designs. — Size, about 54 by 72 inches. Each .. 25c

● THE "PARTY TOUCH"

Bright paper Table Napkins in Christmas designs. — Approximate size 13¼ inches square. — Package of 40 napkins 15c



● "FAIRFAX" STATIONERY — The gift of good tales. Handsome box of vellum finished stationery — 72 folded sheets of notepaper and 48 matching envelopes — in gift box 1.00

● HER FAVOURITE 'LADY ESTHER' BEAUTY AIDS — Boxed for Christmas giving. — Set contains one box of Lady Esther Face Powder and one Jar Face Cream. — Two-Piece Set 1.10

● DISTINCTIVE STATIONERY — 72 sheets of fine linen-like notepaper and 48 matching envelopes. Chest-type gift box, approx. size 9x11x12 inches with two "pull-out" drawers. — Box 1.50

● "TWO LITTLE GIRLS IN BLUE" — Twin cakes of delicate, fragrant soap, in neat gift box — a present that is always welcome and not too expensive. Box 39c

● SEND YOUR GREETINGS ON GAY CHRISTMAS CARDS — 21 Folder style cards in bright Yuletide colors and designs. 21 Cards in box 39c

● SOMETHING LOVELY FOR SOMEONE LOVELY — Lady Esther Beauty Kit, in smart gift box. Contains one each, Lady Esther Face Cream, Face Powder, Lipstick and Cake of Rouge. — Set, in box 1.65

CANADIAN DEPARTMENT STORES LIMITED

NAPANEE sends hearty congratulations on
EATON'S *Seventy-fifth Birthday*

75 Years Young!

It's EATON'S Seventy-fifth birthday!

Presidents of
The T. EATON CO. Limited
1869 · 1944

TIMOTHY EATON (1869-1907)
Founder

SIR JOHN C. EATON (1907-1922)
Son of the Founder

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Nephew of the Founder

JOHN DAVID EATON (1942-
Grandson of the Founder

December 8th, 1869... Timothy Eaton, young new Canadian from the North of Ireland opens dry goods shop at south-west corner of Yonge and Queen Streets, Toronto. Insignificant little place. Nothing unusual about stock of velvets, dress materials, jackets, bonnets. No window dressing. But before the day's out, Toronto knows something unique's been started. ONE PRICE ONLY ... PRICES IN PLAIN FIGURES ... GOODS SATISFACTORY OR MONEY REFUNDED—it's dream-stuff to these Mid-Victorian shoppers in their tight gloves and many petticoats. They're accustomed to having to put up with an unsatisfactory purchase. Accustomed to prices in code and the devious practice of "dickering." Accustomed to the shock of quarterly bills after three months of blind shopping. Timothy Eaton's bid for business has all the dramatic elements of surprise, daring and fine human relationships. Here's a merchant who puts himself on the side of the customer ... it's the passing from old to modern times in Toronto store-keeping.

● *Timothy Eaton understood people. It was his happy destiny to serve succeeding multitudes. He lived to see his small dry goods business spread out and interwoven with all the primary human interests of food, clothing, home-making, recreation, employment and industry. He saw others adopt his institution of shorter hours and weekly half-holiday for his store workers. He was called the father of the Early Closing Movement ... Eaton presidents who've followed after him have held fast to his business and humanitarian principles.*

December 8th, 1944... Canada and EATON'S have grown up together. For a department store comes very close to the community. Across the Dominion, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, are Eaton centres of supply and service. We record proudly that of the 32,000 men and women employed in these Stores, Factories, Mail Order and Distributing Warehouses, 5170 have served or are still serving in the Navy, Army and Air Force.

● *Seventy-five years of serving the public in one of the most favoured lands on the face of the globe! Serving through peace and wars, through prosperity and depressions. EATON'S greets the war-scarred future with a sense of high opportunity and mighty responsibility.*

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Stemming from the Same Source...
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LAST BIG BASE ON FRENCH SOIL TAKEN FROM NAZIS

Russian Armies Close on Budapest

WEDNESDAY—

The United States Third Army made another crossing of the Saar River above Saarlautern and expanded the original bridgehead to two and a half-miles, giving the United States Army a front 40 miles wide inside Germany.

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In Hungary the German retreat between Lake Balaton and the Danube was said to be approaching a rout.

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Canadian units of the Eighth Army in Italy captured Ravenna, thereby gaining a broad foothold in the southeastern portion of the Po Valley.

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Chinese troops were said to have broken the town of Pachai, 65 miles southeast of Kweiyang, capital of Kweichow province.

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United States fighter pilots shot down 91 German aircraft during a daylight raid in which 1,500 tons of bombs were dropped on Berlin.

THURSDAY—

United States troops poured across the Saar River at half a dozen points, capturing most of the French city of Sarreguemines and tightening their grip on Saarbrucken.

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In Hungary, Soviet troops swung around the southern end of Lake Balaton and were within 35 miles of the Austrian border.

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In Italy, British and Polish troops crashed across the Lamone River, after capturing Ravenna, and were threatening Faenza.

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In the Phillipines, United States troops held up by rains, were said to be moving forward again on Leyte.

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FRIDAY—

On Thursday, the United States Third Army pushed to within three and a half miles of Saarbrucken. There were indications that the Nazis intended to withdraw almost to the Rhine for a new stand.

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The fall of Budapest was considered to be a possibility within a few days.

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The situation in China was reported to be very grave. The Japs were only 53 miles from Kweiyang, capital of Kweichow province.

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Canadian troops of the Eighth Army in Italy, after taking Ravenna advanced six miles up the Ravenna-Ferrara highway.

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SATURDAY—

The United States Third Army attacked positions within 1½ miles of the Siegfried Line and eight miles deep in the Saar Valley. United States artillery was also wrecking Saarbrucken with gun fire. The British and Canadian sections of the Western Front were comparatively quiet.

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The Russian Second Ukraine Army was reported to have smashed forward 27 miles and reached the last bank of the Danube, 13 miles north of Budapest.

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The Eighth Army in Italy had practically outflanked Faenza and the fall of the city was expected very soon.

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The Chinese ended the threat to Kweiyang by taking the important railroad town of Tuhshan, 75 miles south.

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The Allies started a four-way drive in North Burma on a 100 mile front aimed at driving the Japs out of Burma.

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MONDAY—

The United States First Army made considerable gains on the Cologne Front, capturing several villages. Other gains were made by the United States Third Army and Seventh Armies in the Saar River district and in Northern Alsace.

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The Russians advanced six miles up the east bank of the Danube in Hungary within seven miles of Budapest.

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The British Eighth Army in Italy continued its drive to outflank Faenza.

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The Chinese recaptured Hsiasu, twelve miles from Kwangsi Province border and had practically cleared Kwichow Province of the invaders.

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United States troops on Leyte Island in the Philippines captured Ormoc and trapped many thousands of Japanese.

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TUESDAY—

The United States First Army on the Cologne plain widened its front to thirteen miles and the Germans were reported to be withdrawing across the Roer River to fortified positions on the east bank. The United States Third Army pushed to the Saar Basin from the south, after breaking all organized resistance in Saarguemines. The Seventh Army seized Hagenau, greatest base left to the Germans in France.

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The Russian Army was reported to have smashed into Budapest and fighting in the streets was said to be in progress.

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In Italy a furious battels was raging on the southern approaches to Faenza.

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All Jap forces have been driven out of Kwethow Province and the threat to the new Burma Road was eased.

The Annual SANTA CLAUS PARADE

WILL BE HELD IN NAPANEE

SATURDAY DECEMBER 16

UNDER AUSPICES OF THE RETAIL MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION

RESERVE ARMY TO CONTINUE IMPORTANT ROLE

Ottawa, (C.P.) — Canada's Home Guard Reserve Army of 100,000 part-time volunteers will continue to play the same important role which it performed in the years before the war and which it has so abundantly fulfilled during the anxious days of this war," the House of Commons was informed last week.

Navy Minister Macdonald, acting Defence Minister in the House gave this reply to a question Friday by Gordon Graydon, Progressive Conservative House leader. Mr. Graydon wanted a "clear-cut" statement of Government policy in regard to the future of the Reserve Army.

Mr. Macdonald explained that the Reserve Army was the modern name of the pre-war non-permanent active militia which "is the framework of our national military organization in peacetime".

He continued:

"It is our present policy to ensure the continuation in the postwar period of this framework which will then become again the major portion of/our military forces. The men who have gone from these reserve units and who now fill the ranks of the mobilized active units will return, and to the extent that the Reserve Army is kept alive, they and their units will find their military family associations maintained so that there will be no break in the continuity of service and tradition of each regiment."

Mr. Macdonald said that "to the greatest possible extent units of Reserve Army will be perpetuated in some continuing role."

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY HOLDS SUPPER

J. A. Dalrymple, teacher of animal and farm husbandry of the Kemptville Agricultural School, was the speaker at the annual supper of the Lennox Agricultural Society, held last Wednesday evening.

Mr. Dalrymple, who was introduced by C. W. Buchanan, gave an address on "Boys' Club Work in Ontario" and also spoke of the work being carried on at the school.

Mr. George T. Walters, secretary-treasurer of the Association, spoke briefly of the finances of the society.

FIRESIDE HOUR AT TRINITY CHURCH

The Ready Helpers Class of Trinity United Church were hosteseses at the Fireside Hour Sunday evening, following the evening service. Mrs. T. S. Moore, president, welcomed the guests, who numbered about 125. Those taking part in the programme included E. J. Corkill, teacher; Pte. Lieut. P. D. Cameron, Dr. Mary Cornelius, Mrs. F. Smith, Miss Ruth Graham and Mrs. Ada Switzer.

A sing-song of Christmas carols preceded the programme. Refreshments were served by the social committee, assisted by Mrs. W. Coates, Mrs. F. Nicholson, Mrs. A. Fellows, Mrs. W. S. Exley, Mrs. T. M. Asselstine, Mrs. William Howitt, Mrs. Ross Paul, Mrs. Corkill, and Mrs. Geo. Baughan.

ANNUAL MEETING FISH AND GAME ASSOCIATION

The second annual meeting of the Lennox and Addington Fish and Game Association, was held last Thursday evening at the Superior Restaurant, where a venison dinner was served, followed by the election of officers.

Mr. Herrington, Assistant Deputy of the Game and Fisheries Department, was the speaker. He was introduced by J. A. Regan and was thanked for his address by P. U. Laidley.

The officers elected were:

President, P. K. Ketcheson; Vice-President, J. A. Regan; Secretary-Treasurer, F. A. Correll; Directors: H. Skitch, Carman Dale, H. W. Vine, D. F. Roblin, E. W. Roy and M. Card.

Prizes in the fish contest were awarded to the following: Senior Club prize, largest small mouth bass, P. U. Laidley; largest pickerel, C. A. Cooper; Junior Club prizes, largest small mouth bass, B. Laidley and J. Douglas; Great Northern pike, Paul Ketcheson.

AGRICULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS PLAN MEETINGS

Plans are now well under way for the extensive series of meetings of Ontario agricultural organizations which from the last week of January to the first week of March will bring an invasion of thousands of Ontario farmers to the city of Toronto. During that period, the majority of the agricultural associations and societies, including fruit and vegetable growers, live stock breeders, field crop specialists and horticulturists, will hold their annual meetings and conventions. While in the last few years the deliberations of these assemblies have dealt largely with wartime production problems, and with the problems of wartime marketing, a decided change in trend is likely to be seen this year, with greater emphasis on postwar planning for agriculture. In addition to the meetings, a Seed Display, at which seed growers of all lines of field crops, including field roots, vegetables, clovers, grasses and seed potatoes, will be held in the King Edward Hotel from February 5 to 9, under the auspices of the Ontario Crop Improvement Association.

The various live stock breed associations, covering pure bred cattle, sheep, swine and bees, will concentrate their annual meetings into one week of intensive activity, the week of February 12th to 17th.

The list of other meetings and dates is, as follows:

January 22: Ontario Vegetable Growers' Association annual meeting.

January 23: Ontario Canning Crop Growers' Association, holding its first annual meeting.

January 24 and 25: Ontario Fruit Growers' Association, annual meeting, to be held jointly with Vegetable Growers on January 24th, when the day's proceedings will culminate with a joint banquet.

February 5 to 7: Ontario Crop Improvement Association annual convention, with the first day devoted to the Potato Growers, and a joint luncheon with the Ontario Plowmen's Association on February 6th. Dr. William A. Allbrecht, chairman, Department of Soils, University of Missouri, will speak at the luncheon, on the subject: "Why do Farmers Plow?"

February 6: Ontario Plowmen's Association Convention.

February 7: Class 'B' Pairs Association Annual Convention.

February 8 and 9: Ontario Agricultural Societies Association Annual Convention. Dr. W. A. Rilbrecht, of the University of Missouri, will speak at the morning session on February 8th on "Soil Fertility and Food Quality."

Details of the programmes for these meetings and conventions are now being arranged and will be made available to members in the near future.

FINE RECORD OF SCHOLARSHIP BY BRUCE MORROW

Residents of the Sandhurst district and former students of the Napanee Collegiate who knew John Morrow, at present a teacher in Central Collegiate, Moose Jaw, Sask., will be interested in the fine record of scholarship achieved by his son, Bruce Morrow, a Grade X student in the Central Collegiate, Moose Jaw.

At the recent commencement exercises held in the Moose Jaw school at which Hon. William Lloyd, Minister of Education, Saskatchewan, was present as special speaker, diplomas and prizes were presented.

"Bruce Morrow, was the winner of the Rotary Club's award for highest standing in Grade X; the I. O. D. E. award for highest standing in English and history for Grade X; the I.O.D.E. award for highest standing in Geography in Grade X, and a crest given to all students in Grade X with standing of over 80 per cent.

John Morrow is a son of Mrs. Annie Morrow, Sandhurst. He graduated from the Napanee Collegiate and from Queen's University, and has taught in Moose Jaw for many years. He visited his mother at Sandhurst, last August.

NAPANEE FIRE LOSS TOTALLED $36,000 DURING 1944

Firemen Answer 63 Calls

The concluding session of the 1944 Town Council was held in the Council Chamber on Thursday evening, with Mayor D. R. Hall presiding.

All the members were present with the exception of Councillors Kimmerly and Holmes.

In the absence of W. A. Grange, the Clerk, who was ill, Mr. M. P. Graham acted as clerk.

A communication was read from E. C. Hogarth, on behalf of the Napanee Retail Merchants' Association asking that the Mayor be empowered to issue a proclamation declaring Tuesday and Wednesday, December 25th and 27th, public holidays in order that the business men and employees might enjoy a restful Christmas holiday.

Considerable discussion followed and it was the general concensus of opinion that it was beyond the jurisdiction of the Council to grant the request, and the following motion was introduced and passed:

Moved by Deputy-Reeve Robson, and seconded by Councillor Chalk, that the Mayor issue a proclamation declaring Tuesday December 26th, 'Boxing Day', a public holiday.

A communication was received from Mrs. D. R. Hall conveying her thanks to the members of Council for the flowers and good wishes while she was a patient in the Kingston General Hospital.

Reeve Stratton presented the usual monthly treasurer's financial statement of the town's finances from January to end of November. He also presented a statement from the treasurer of accounts paid by him since last meeting of Council and for which vouchers were required.

Both statements were received and ordered fyled and the necessary vouchers granted.

Councillor VanAlstyne presented a report from the secretary of the Napanee Fire Department giving an account of the activities of the firemen during the year 1944. Enclosed also was the firemen's paysheet which amounted to $1,347.64. The statement showed that the men had answered 63 calls during the year and the amount of fire loss was approximately $36,000.00.

The report was ordered received and fyled and cheques issued to the several men on the paysheet.

The report of M. Taylor, Relief Officer, for the month of November showed that the amount for relief to be paid by the town was $113.82, and by the government, $132.65. The number of families on relief was given as 2. dependants 6. single persons 5 — a total of 13.

The monthly report of Chief Constable Moore for the month of November showed: Complaints received 6, complaints investigated 6, number of doors found unfastened 9, gas pumps found unfastened 4, arrests 3. During the month of November the following convictions were obtained in court for the town: Six charges under the Criminal Code, and one charge under the Liquor Control Act.

LIBERAL CANDIDATE NAMED IN ADDINGTON

Flight Lieut. Harold Allan Walker, D.S.O., D.F.C., of Hartington, was nominated as Liberal candidate for Frontenac-Addington riding in the forthcoming federal election, at a largely attended convention held on Wednesday, December 6th, at the Liberal Hall in Kingston, by the Frontenac-Addington Liberal Association.

E. J. Courneya, of Tamworth, was nominated but withdrew in favor of Flight-Lieut. Walker. The nomination was moved by Angus McCallum and seconded by Thomas Kring.

NAPANEE RESIDENT FINED FOR FAILING TO BUY DOG LICENSE

In the Magistrate's Court, Thursday, E. H. Brooks Napanee, was ordered to pay a fine of $1.00 and costs of $3.00 for failing to secure a license for his dog for the year. Two dollars of the three dollars costs were designated for the purchase of a license.

E. H. McDowell, Kingston, was given a suspended sentence of one year, after pleading guilty to obtaining goods valued at $10.00 and $1.05 in cash under false pretences, from Bell-Moore's Store in Napanee, on December 2nd. He began to pay ment for some goods and the cheque was returned marked N.S.F. The suspended sentence was given after restitution was promised.

McDowell was well known to Magistrate Garvin, having appeared before him on numerous occasions on the same sort of charge. He has just completed a month in gaol, a sentence for a similar offence in Napanee.

W. Smith, Toronto, for permitting a person not holding a chauffeur's or operator's permit to drive his motor vehicle, paid a fine of $10.00 and costs of $13.00.

St. Mary Magdalene's Anglican Church Bazaar-Tea

Despite the inclement weather of Friday last, there was a record attendance at the Annual Bazaar of the Churchwomen's Guild of St. Mary Magdalene's Church, which was held at the Superior Restaurant. The Ven Archdeacon Dumbrille opened the sale officially at 11:30, after which the various tables did a thriving business.

Following are the names of the members taking part:

General Convener, Mrs. D. C. Macnaughton; Hon. Secretary Mrs. A. J. Bill; Hon.-Treasurer, Mrs. Claude Knight; Reception Committee, Mrs. Macnaughton, Mrs. S. Phippen and Mrs. L. Cowling.

Needlework Table, Mrs. T.D. Steath convener: Mrs. Austin Smith, Mrs. J. A. Hill, Mrs. Herbert Dyer, Mrs. R. Jones, Mrs. B. Alcombrack, Mrs. W. P. Basset, Mrs. D. Holmes, Mrs. R. F. Overbery

Home Cooking Table, Mrs. A. E. Cook, convener; Mrs. Wm. Richardson, Mrs. W. J. LeMaistre, Mrs. Harold Johnston, Mrs. Harold Derby.

Toy Table Mrs. W. V. Webster, convener; Mrs. Harry Boyle, Mrs. Donald Reblin, Mrs. Percy Chambers, Mrs. W. S. Wilson, Mrs. A. B. Medd, Mrs. Claude Knight.

Apron Table, Mrs. Joseph Sagar, convener; Mrs. Russell Grass, Mrs. S. D. Goodridge, Mrs. Macnaughton.

Costume Jewelry Table, Mrs. J. E. Robbins, Mrs. K. Powell, Mrs. A'ma Alcombrack, Mrs. M. Mowers, Mrs. W. O. Tierney.

Mystery Table, Mrs. George Walters, Mrs. Charles Walters, Mrs. L. Cowling.

Afternoon Tea Mrs. W. H. Dibb, and Mrs. C. E. Jamieson, conveners; Mrs. P. K. Ketcheson, Miss Betty Smith, Miss Marion Roney, Miss Edith Hall, Miss Lois Campbell, Mrs. Everett Smith, Mrs. M. Mowers, Mrs. E. H. MacLean.

Raffles, Mrs. Macnaughton, Mrs. J. Hagerman, Miss Elizabeth Ketcheson, Miss Janet Bowen.

At 8:30 a very successful bridge-euchre party was convened by Mrs. Helen Goodman and the following committee: Mrs. S. Phippen, Mrs. Goodridge, Mrs. Knuth, Mrs. A. V. Wallace, Mrs. G. Fisher.

The prize winners were: Bridge — Mrs. James Stewart and Lieut Grezson, New York; Euchre — Mrs. B. Luffman and Mr. H. Ohlman; Low score Mrs. Maracle.

After supper, the raffles were drawn for the winners being: Turkey, Mrs. B. McEwen; Afghan, Lee Yut Laundry John Street; Dressed Doll (No. 11) F. J. Hanlan, R.R. 2; Hamper of Apples, Mrs. Austin Smith; Peter Wiggley and Nurse Jane, Mrs. S. Dugan, Toronto; Door prize, Mr. Harold Derby; 2 Pairs Mens socks, Mrs. Alma Alcombrack.

The President graciously thanked all who had been interested and supported the bazaar. The fortuneteller, Mr. Cross, was unable to come owing to illness. The total receipts are most gratifying.

The party closed with the National Anthem.

This is the sixty-third year of the Guild's existence.

CHOSEN CANDIDATE IN FRONTENAC ADDINGTON

At a largely attended convention of the electors of Frontenac-Addington, W. R. Aylesworth, M.P., was chosen as Progressive Conservative candidate for the Federal Parliament last Wednesday at the Court House in Kingston.

E. F. Purcell, Colebrook, was also nominated, but withdrew in favor of Mr. Aylesworth.

D. J. Rankin, president of the Association, was the chairman. The speakers, besides the candidate, were Rupert Ramsay of Saskatchewan; George Webb, Gananoque, Progressive Conservative candidate for Leeds; Mayor C. L. Boyd, of Kingston, who welcomed delegates to the city; Chas. Crozier, president of the Kingston Progressive Conservative Association; Frederick Simmons, president of Leeds Progressive Conservative Association.

RECEPTION SERVICE AT NEWBURGH CHURCH

A Reception Service was held on the Newburgh Pastoral Charge on Sunday, December 10th. Twenty-seven persons were received into membership with the church, on profession of faith, and two by letter.

Poultry Prices

The present poultry prospects are reminded that they must present, or to locate but the following ceiling prices give the housewife an idea of what her Christmas poultry will cost. Turkeys, 46 cents a lb., geese, 33 cents a lb., ducks, 35 cents a lb., chickens 42 cents a lb. Cheaper grades of poultry will be proportionately reduced in price.

HELP THE BEAVER SANTA CLAUS FUND

Some people may think there is really no need for The Beaver Santa Claus Fund to function this year when nearly everyone is working and money is freer in the community than in many years. But there are some families in which the bread winner is incapacitated or not physically able to undertake high-paid war work. There are also some older people who are sent a Christmas Basket every year.

So, we urge that everyone who intends to make a contribution to the Fund this year, do so as soon as possible in order that those in charge of purchasing supplies and packing the baskets may know just how far they can go.

Make your cheques and money orders payable to "The Beaver Santa Claus Fund."

Previously acknowledged	$15.00
Donated since last issue	
Thos. W. Walker	$2.00
Dr. G. W. Morden	2.00
Mrs. S. A. Templeton	5.00
Mrs. E. J. Corkill	2.00
Mrs. W. A. Templeton.	
(In Memory)	10.00
N. B.	.50
Mrs. J. M. Thomson	2.00
Peter and John	2.00
Miss Maud VanAlstyne	1.00
Miss Stuvey, gloves, soap, scarf, and vest.	
Miss Gertrude Metzler: Dressed doll.	
Mrs. Ronald Baker: child's crib quilt and 2 pairs knitted bootees.	

BUTTER RATION TO BE REDUCED ONE OUNCE A WEEK

Ottawa, (C.P.) — To make consumption meet supplies the Prices Board has announced that the butter ration is being reduced from seven ounces to about six ounces a person a week, on January 1st.

The reduction will be achieved by making butter coupons valid one at a time instead of in pairs and by having three become good each month instead of four.

The board said the step had been taken to adjust consumption to supply during the winter months of low production.

K. H. Olive, administrator of dairy products, said that six pounds of butter a person spread over the next twelve months allows 11½ pounds a person a month, and we believe Canadians expect us to adjust the ration so as to assure continuous supply and equitable distribution rather than risk doing without butter entirely later on."

To allow householders to spread the reduced ration over the period of shortage, the butter coupons will remain valid until declared invalid, like sugar and preserves coupons. A reduction in quotas to restaurants and other quota users will be made to conform approximately to the cut in the consumer ration, and no supplementary quotas will be issued.

PROG. CONSERVATIVE FORM ASSOCIATION IN QUINTE DISTRICT

W. S. Wilson, Napanee is President

A well-attended meeting was held in the Napanee Town Hall on Friday evening, December 8th, to organize an Association comprising the ridings of Frontenac-Addington, Kingston, Hastings East, Hastings West, and Prince Edward-Lennox to be known as the Eastern Ontario No. 1 (Quinte) District Progressive-Conservative Association.

Mr. T. W. Kinney, of Picton, President of the Prince-Edward Lennox Association, presided, and explained the purpose of the meeting.

The following officers were then elected:

Honorary Presidents— Hon. John Bracken, Hon. George Drew.

Hon. Vice-Presidents— Hon. T. A. Kidd, Kingston.

President — Mr. Wilfred S. Wilson, Napanee.

1st Vice-President—Mr. Maxwell W. Strange, Kingston.

2nd Vice-President — Mrs. Harry Rollins, Belleville.

3rd Vice-President—Mr. Ed. Way, Tweed.

Secretary—Mr. W. Kent Macnee, Kingston.

Treasurer— Mr. Joseph E. Lewis, Camden East.

The above officers and the following Presidents of Riding Associations comprise the Executive Committee of the Association: Mr. Thos. W. Kinney, of Prince Edward-Lennox; Col. Percy Allen, of West Hastings; Mr. William J. Davis, of East Hastings; Mr. David J. Rankin, of Frontenac Addington; Mr. William C. Crozier, of Kingston.

Mr. James de C. Hepburn, M.L.A., Picton, Mr. R. D. Arnott, M.L.A., of Belleville, and Dr. Harry Stewart, M. L.A., Kingston, and Mr. Roscoe Robson, M.L.A., Hastings, addressed the meeting briefly.

Several matters pertaining to the organization were referred to the Executive Committee.

In concluding the meeting the President stated that the attendance of so many men and women from all sections of the district, especially in such stormy weather was an indication of their keen interest in public affairs. He also reminded the members present that the annual meeting of the Ontario Progressive Conservative Association was being held in Toronto on Thursday, December 14th, and hoped that many of those present would attend.

CFN. H. G. DOWDLE WOUNDED IN BELGIUM

Mr. and Mrs. William Dowdle, of Newburgh, received word on Friday, that their son Cfn. Harvey G. Dowdle, was wounded in Belgium, on November 26th. He was hit with bomb fragments all on his left side.

Cfn Dowdle got his training in Peterborough and Barrifield and went overseas in the Third Division, in October of 1941, after which he took three different courses. He passed all his exams 100 per cent.

He went to France on 'D' Day and drove a wrecker till he was wounded.

HEAVY SNOWSTORM TIES UP TRAFFIC IN NAPANEE DISTRICT

Business at a Standstill on Tuesday

For the second time this month, a great part of Ontario has been tied up and business brought almost to a standstill by a heavy snow fall. The storm which began Monday afternoon and continued until late on Tuesday, was the worst so far this year. A great deal of snow fell and the high wind which accompanied it piled the snow in huge drifts on roads and walks, so that travelling by foot or car was almost impossible.

Reports from Toronto and other cities in Ontario, told of a tie-up of street cars and motors throughout Tuesday, and in the country, travelling was next thing to impossible.

Late on Tuesday none of the rural mail couriers had been able to get into Napanee and the bus from Tweed to Kingston, which usually arrives in the town by 9.30 a.m. had not been able to get through.

The C. N. R. train from the west due in Napanee at about 1:00 p.m. was about six hours late.

As a consequence of the storm the stores did practically no business on Tuesday, except by telephone. The weather is also responsible for the lack of county correspondence and some other features in this week's issue of 'The Beaver.'

MISSION BAND GIVES CONCERT TRINITY CHURCH

Before a large and appreciative audience the Mission Band of Trinity United Church presented an interesting and varied programme in the school room of the church, Monday evening of this week.

Miss Sally Howitt, president of the Band, was in charge and nearly all of the 40 members took part in the programme, which included drills, recitations, choruses, piano and vocal solos. Arrangements for the concert were under the direction of Mrs. J. D. Mayhew and Mrs. F. B. Mills, the superintendents of the Band.

Nine members had perfect attendance during the year. To six who had already been made life members for perfect attendance, pictures were presented as prizes and the three others were made life members.

A Canned Milk 'Must'

Applicants applying for canned milk either in person or by mail, are for evaporated milk can be obtained. send their No. 5 ration book to their Local Ration Board before coupons

HIGH - WATER MARK OF PERIL REACHED IN CHINA

BY DeWITT MACKENZIE

Associated Press War Analyst

China's eleventh - hour effort to complete her grave internal differences and present a united front to Japan's second major onslaught is the high-water mark of peril for the nine years of war.

For nearly two years, ever since my visit to Chungking, this column has been emphasizing that China was all but impotent and in grave danger of being knocked out. Now she has been promised by the American grand council per by the Jap conquests in the important south-central theatre, eliminating vital American air bases and giving the invaders invaluable communications from Manchuria clear through to Canton on the south coast and into Indo-China.

The difficulties through which China has arrived at this sorry pass are many, but the chief among them is that the country has been divided against itself. General Chiang Kai-Shek's one-party Kuomintang government has ruled these parts of central and southern China not even by the Japs. But in the north the Chinese communists with big armies have been in control.

The communists have insisted on participation in government, but Chiang thus far has declined to recognize them. It's an old feud. While the two sides have been working under a truce because of the Japanese invasion, there have been frequent clashes at arms between them and they've been so distrustful that a large portion of their armies have been drawn up watching each other instead of fighting the common foe. Each side has tied up something like 500,000 soldiers in this fruitless business.

This is the situation as Chiang acting on advice of the United States has finally decided to send a broom on his cabinet but has reopened peace negotiations with the communists.

One of the most promising developments appears to be the appointment of Dr. Lin Yutang as Dr. H. V. Soon to the acting premiership, thereby enabling the generalissimo to get rid of the pro-Japanese influence at the grave military crisis. The westernized Soong not only is one of China's outstanding statesmen but is widely regarded as liberal, and so the person most likely to achieve a settlement with the communists.

Another hopeful sign is that Gen Chou En-Lai, the famous communist leader, is in Chungking and is said to be negotiating with the government. He is a great personality — a much-travelled man of wide vision who had many talks with both Dr. Soong and Gen. Chou En-Lai and since them both up as being liberals. I say two and three, for I can find a bridge to unite the communists and the central government, they probably are the ones.

The first, of course, urgent need of unity in order to release troops and equipment to safeguard what remains of the hinterland, and especially the Burma Road which the Allies have figured on reopening soon, thus restoring China's lifeline to the outside world.

Nullification of the Burma Road project would be a major disaster. The Japs are now driving toward Chungking — about 300 miles away — towards the city of Kweiyang — American air base on the Burma Road 75 miles away — and towards Kunming — another great air base 90 miles to the south and 300 miles distant.

Maj.-Gen. Wedemeyer, who succeeded General Stilwell as commander of the United States forces in China, said a month ago that the military situation was unfavourable but not irretrievable. Perhaps that still can be said, so far as preservation of the Burma Road and Chungking are concerned.

However military experts generally are veering to the view that China may be about washed up as the grand base from which to conduct the final assault on Japan. That's the uncomfortable but true appraisal.

New Rentals Order

A recent order issued by Owen Lobley, Regional Administrator, Wartime Prices and Trade Board, prohibits any person from charging or demanding payment from a tenant or prospective tenant, of a commission or reward, and from demanding payment of more than one month's rental in advance. The order is aimed directly at transactions designed to evade the Board's rental regulations.

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"CORN IN HAY BAY"

Probably not many of our readers have seen an article in the November issue of "Rod and Gun" headed "Corn in Hay Bay," in the "Rod and Reel" section, edited by S. H. Howard and apparently written by Mr. Howard. But it is worth reading, because in our opinion it is about the best example of poor sportsmanship we have seen or heard of in many a day.

Mr. Howard came to Hay Bay some weeks ago to fish for muskellunge and either because he did not meet with success or because he may have been suffering from an attack of indigestion, he went away in a bad mood and proceeded to write the story of his trip, complaining loudly and long, of everything in connection with Napanee and Hay Bay.

He devoted well over two columns of his article to alleged irregularities practiced by his guide at Hay Bay, whom he calls "My Corny Young Farmer Friend." Whether or not his allegations are true we do not know, but we think that to expose them through his paper in the manner he did, is unfair and unsportsmanlike.

Leaving his "corny young farmer friend" for a moment, Mr. Howard proceeded to complain of the way in which he was treated when he arrived in Napanee. Possibly being the "Rod and Reel" Editor of "Rod and Gun" he expected the Mayor, the Officials of the Fish and Game Association, and all the fish from Hay Bay, especially the muskellunge, to at the station to meet him. Instead of that, he arrived unannounced and unwelcomed, and since it was a holiday week-end, he found difficulty in securing a taxi to take him down - town, which he considered poor treatment. However, he did manage to walk the four or five blocks to the business section of the town and, after a "scrappy late lunch" he came into The Beaver Office, when without introducing himself, he began to berate the town for its lack of enterprise in advertising the district to the tourist trade. He was directed to the secretary of the Fish and Game Association, for the information he required and when he reached the business place of that official, found him away. But the secretary's business assistant, after explaining to him that it was a holiday week-end and that most of the guides would be engaged, was able, after spending a couple of hours on a busy Saturday afternoon, to secure a young man to act as guide for him.

Mr. Howard would not wait for his guide to come into Napanee to take him to Hay Bay, but engaged "a female taxi pirate" in "tight khaki pants" to drive him to the Bay. She was a pirate in the extent of Five Dollars, which does not seem an exorbitant fee for a round-trip of nearly forty miles.

According to Mr. Howard he could not get out on the Bay as early in the morning as he wished, but the Guide's father, a perfectly reputable farmer, states that Mr Howard could have been on the Bay at 6:00 a.m, but preferred to stay in bed until nearly eight o'clock. Once on the Bay, we are informed, Mr Howard would not go where the guide wanted to take him, but preferred to choose his own fishing grounds, without any previous knowledge of the locality. The result was that he did not get a 'lunge. His one consolation was, "that nobody else in all the mob of boats we saw out there, got any either"' Rather poor consolation, we think, for one who is supposed to be a sportsman.

In the whole story, which we cannot reproduce in detail, there is not one vestige of good sportsmanship shown by the writer. Instead, it is full of sarcasm and unpleasantness and leaves a bad impression of the Hay Bay District, which is known far and wide to citizens in Canada and the United States, as an excellent fishing ground. It is visited every year by good sportsmen, who are prepared to accept fishermen's luck and who do not go away crabbing about it, if they don't catch a 'lunge.

The young guide's father informed us that year after year he has the same American tourists returning to his place, which is surely evidence that they must be satisfied with the service given them and with Hay Bay as a fishing ground.

LOOKING BACKWARD AND FORWARD

BY WAVERLEY ROOT

Future history stems from past history. That is a truism. It would hardly seem necessary to utter it if there were not, at present, so little perception of that fact among the men in high places. The foundations for the history of the future are being laid today. What is done this year and next will have, no doubt, more effect on what happens during this generation and next than anything that has occurred in the last two decades.

If we are going to remake the future today, as we must, it is well for us to understand the past, for if we do not comprehend what forces brought us to our present position, we shall not be able to employ or curb those forces in such a way as to achieve the results we desire.

That is why I think it worth while today to look back towards an episode of the past, concerning which new information has just come to hand. It is not a case of simple interest in what is over and done with. Understanding this particular incident has a bearing on the future, too. It opens up a view of the events which preceded this war which is still not too well comprehended.

The event to which I refer is the double assassination in France in 1937 of Carlo Rosselli and his brother, Nelli—the latter because he simply happened to be present. The first to be visiting Carlo at the time when his murderers attacked him. They had nothing against him.

Carlo Rosselli was an Italian anti-Fascist. It was therefore assumed when he was murdered that Italian agents were responsible. It came as a surprise, therefore, later on, when French police uncovered the plot (the French Fascist attempt to overthrow the Republican Government), that the assassins had actually been French and that the assassination was one of their first crimes. Why had the cagoulards been interested in killing Rosselli, the public wondered. The only reason seemed to be that they had obtained much of their armament from Italy. Perhaps that was come way of paying the bill.

But since Count Carlo Sforza took over the position of High Commissioner for the Punishment of Fascist Crimes, new light has been thrown on the Rosselli murders—and new light also on the cagoulard affair. The reason for the murder of Carlo Rosselli it has been learned, was not his opposition to the Italian Fascist government. It was that the work on behalf of the Spanish republican cause, for which he first helped organize the Garibaldi Battalion of the International Brigade in Spain, and then went to Paris to send recruits to it from France.

His death was ordered by Count Ciano. The order was carried out by the cagoulards, not simply as a cold-blooded return for the furnishing of arms, but because they had the same interest as the Italians, and Franco's Spaniards and the Germans in winning the first campaign in Europe of the Fascist international, all part of the same gigantic international plot, all equally the enemies of the democracies.

We knew already that the cagoulard achieverd the power they failed to win before the war with the signing of the armistice in France, for many of their members appeared immediately after it in Marshal Petain's first cabinet. We knew that, on certain levels, particularly the highest, the terms "cagoulard and "Vichyite" are practically interchangeable. We suspected, because of the immediate appearance of these Fascist plotters in the post-armistice government, if for no other reason, than they were more than simple profiteers of the defeat, actually engineers of the defeat. That is, they had deliberately betrayed their country to the enemy in alliance with him. This suspicion is strengthened today by the revelation that French Fascists were in alliance with those of the other European nations even as far as 1937 when they carried out these murders as part of their task in the interest, also of any imaginable French faction, but of the foreign Fascism which was soon to attack France.

That is the fact we need to remember first about the past, for it will aid us in our dealings for the future. The cagoulards have not disappeared. They are still with us. They are trying to save their situation by representing themselves as patriotic Frenchmen and friends of the democracies. When they approach the Allies with such words, it is to be hoped that this record of the past will not be forgotten. So far, it has been. They have had considerable success. The whole attempt to bar Gen. de Gaulle from post-war leadership in France was a Vichy-cagoulard effort to rush in in spite of the military defeat of their Allies. It succeeded so well that Britain and America for a considerable time aided the ex-cagoulards in their vain attempt to keep de Gaulle out.

Now it might seem, they are beaten. DeGaulle is installed in Paris, undisputed leader of the only possible French government. But they have not conceded defeat. After all, de Gaulle has not yet been recognized. His government has not been admitted to the international conferences dealing with problems which, none the less, cannot be solved satisfactorily without the support of France. There are still Vichyites in some of his administrations, often because Allied pressure has prevented him from getting rid of them — some of them in control of certain sections of the armed forces.

The cagoulards themselves have not given up. I refer you to The Nation for September 9. On page 237 you will find a translation of an article from La Turpule, a French-language newspaper published in Istanbul. It recounts the hopes of the Vichyites to get back the power in France with the help of the Allies, because "we understand the technique of collaboration . . . Five years of experience have taught us to understand the mentality of the conqueror and satisfy it. . . The Gaullists have never understood how to collaborate. They have been paralyzed by pretentions to equality and independence, while we know how to submit, serve and obey."

It would be a bold prophet who would say that these tactics may not be successful—particularly with the example of the very recent past before him. That is why it is well to know thoroughly the past of these men who will attempt to collaborate with us in the future. Let us remember what they stand for, and how long they have been consistent in standing for it. Remember the Rosselli murder and the attack on French democracy and the delivery of French economy to Germany and the co-operation these Frenchmen were still able to command from the Germans even at the moment when in North Africa they appeared to Allied eyes to have changed sides. Remember that they are still part of the Fascist International, who will "submit, serve and obey" as long as it is necessary to get into position to strike last who then will strike again.

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Germans Bolster Northern Norway

Chiefly owing to a lack of transport there is little possibility at present that the Germans will try an evacuation of north Norway. It is reported from Kiruna, a Swedish mining town near the Norwegian border. Germans retiring from Finland began arriving in north Norway September 10th. This evacuation, however, has so far been on a small scale. The arriving German forces are helping to reinforce German garrisons in north Norway which have been diluted during the last year by conscripted Poles, Czechs, etc. while many Germans were sent back to Germany. Arrivals from Finland come partly via Kirkenes and partly by road to Skitotn and Narvik.

An increase in numbers is expected soon and energetic preparations have been made in certain centres to receive them. Recently the Germans requisitioned three or four coastal liners and at least one of them has been converted to serve as a hospital ship.

According to some reports, 10,000 German soldiers from Finland are expected at Narvik soon and the Norwegian population will have to vacate one-third of the houses in the town to provide accommodation. Defence works around Narvik have been speeded up in a hectic fashion Small trenches and fortresses are blasted out of the streets or are being built. Large stores have been moved farther inland. Mine-layers are busy day and night, and the large minefields are probably laid out to guard the whole Narvik zone. Other north Norwegian bases have also been mined. In the ranks of the German troops which included 40 to 60 per cent. conscripted foreigners are also very old Germans or very young ones. The German air force in north Norway still seems very weak, but several transport planes and some dozen fighters have arrived enroute for Finland.

The defence preparations in Narvik also include the arrest of more Norwegians, including a railway engineer and the head surgeon of the Narvik hospital.

During the recent weeks the Germans have also been building extensive defence works along the Swedish border in the Narvik area, including a large number of trenches and fortified positions from the area some miles south of the iron ore railway to the sea northwest of Bjornesfjell. Also mine-belts have been laid.

The Germans are clearly nervous of their unsafe position in north Norway and are afraid of being cut off by the narrow land belt between the Swedish border and Rombaksfjord near Narvik.

V

TRAINED

Coach: "You're doing well, son. The way you hit that line and the way you dodge and tickle and worm through them is marvellous."

Football Player: "It comes easy to me. I used to go with my mother to the bargain sales!"

THE CHURCHES

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH
Rev. G. M. Chidley, B.A., Minister

10:30 a.m., Morning Worship.
"Family Service." Subject: "Suppressed Magnificence."
11:45 a.m., Sunday School and Bible Classes.
5:00 p.m., Candle Light Service.
Thursday, Dec. 14, Christmas meeting of W. M. S. at 3 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 18, Sunday School Christmas Concert at 7:30 p.m.

GRACE UNITED CHURCH
Rev. C. D. McLellan, B.A., B.D., Minister

10:36 a.m., Morning Worship.
11:45 a.m., Sunday School and Bible Classes.
7:00 p.m., Evening Service.
Carol singing begins ten minutes before the service.
8:00 p.m., Young People's Christmas meeting.
Wednesday, Union Prayer Service in Trinity Church at 7:30 p.m.
Sunday School Christmas Concert Tuesday, December 19th, at 7:30 p.m.

THE SALVATION ARMY
OFFICERS IN CHARGE: CAPTAIN N. McBRIDE, LIEUT. E. PEACOCKE

Wednesday at 8:00 p.m., Prayer Meeting
Saturday at 8:00 p.m., Public Meeting.
Special Services Sunday, Dec. 17th
Adjutant David Strachan and the Young People's Singing Company of Picton.
Meetings at 11 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Come and hear these Youthful Gospel Singers.

NAPANEE BAPTIST CHURCH
(Second Floor I.O.O.F. Building)
Rev. Morley R. Hall, Pastor

10:00 a.m., Sunday Bible School.
11:00 a.m., "40 Years Silence Broken."
7:15 p.m., Song Service.
7:30 p.m., "The Virgin Birth — A Fact or a Fact"
Wednesday, 7:45 p.m., Bible study and Prayer.
Friday, 7:00 p.m., Pictures on the Life of Christ for boys and girls of school age.
Saturday 9:05 a.m., "Heart Talks" broadcast over CKWS 1960 Kinston

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ANDREW MORGAN, PASTOR

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Sunday Services.
10:00 a.m., Sunday School.
11:00 a.m., Morning Worship
7:30 p.m., Evangelistic Service
Everyone welcome.

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REV. H. N. RABBIE, PASTOR

BACK TO GOD REVIVAL CAMPAIGN NOW IN PROGRESS
EVANGELIST F. J. KOSCIUK
Relates his life story of Conversion
Sunday night, Dec. 17th, at 7.30
Services continue every night except Monday.
Saturday night, Prayer meeting at 8:00 o'clock.
Sunday Services.
10 a.m., Sunday School. Bible Class
11 a.m., Devotion Service.
7:30 p.m., Back to God Revival Hour
All are welcome to our new Tabernacle.

BAY PASTORAL CHARGE
THE UNITED CHURCH
Rev. F. J. Armitage, B.A., Minister

Sunday Services.
11:00 a.m., Hay Bay.
2:30 p.m., Bethany.
6:00 p.m., Anderson.
Sunday Schools as usual.
Bay East W.M.S. will meet Thursday, December 14th, at 2:00 p.m., at the home of Mrs. Norman Pitchet. Anderson W. A. at the same time and place.
Anderson Sunday School Christmas Tree and Concert December 19th, at 7:30 p.m.
Sand Hill W. A. Wednesday, Dec. 20th, at the home of Mrs. Lawrence Moore.

NEWBURGH PASTORAL CHARGE
THE UNITED CHURCH
Rev. H. B. Herrington, Minister

Worship Services —
Switzerville at 10:30 a.m.
Strathcona at 2:30 p.m.
Newburgh at 7:30 p.m.
The Y. P. U. will have charge of a Christmas service at Newburgh on Sunday night, the minister delivering the message.
Newburgh Sunday School Christmas concert Dec. 19. Tuesday night.

ADOLPHUSTOWN CHARGE
THE UNITED CHURCH
Rev. Ken. J. Crawford. B.A., Minister

Adolphustown at 11:00 a.m.
Conway, at 8:00 p.m.

MORVEN AND STELLA PASTORAL CHARGE
THE UNITED CHURCH
C. W. Trill, Minister

11:00 a.m. Sunday School, Morven White Church.
7:30 p.m., Church Service, Morven White Church.
10:30 a.m. Sunday School. Stella.
11:00 a.m., Stella, Church Service.

SELBY PASTORAL CHARGE
THE UNITED CHURCH
Rev. W. R. Merrick, Minister

Empey Hill, 10:30 a.m., Sunday School and Morning Worship.
Selby, 10:30 a.m., Sunday School.
Selby, 7:30 p.m., Evening Worship

BATH PASTORAL CHARGE
THE UNITED CHURCH
Rev. James Robinson, Minister

Beulah, 11:00 a.m.
Bath, 3:00 p.m.

YARKER PASTORAL CHARGE
THE UNITED CHURCH
Rev. W. G. Fletcher, Pastor

11:00 a.m., Moscow.
2:30 p.m., Camden East.
7:30 p.m., Yarker.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To The Editor of
The Napanee Beaver.

Dear Sir: — The question of our district's one of the most widely discussed problems facing the farmers in this district at the present time, due to a shortage of this very necessary element. Many of the wells have gone dry and it is safe to say that at least sixty per cent. of our livestock are on short water ration.

Most of our farmers are conversant with the factors responsible for the gradual drying up of the sources which supply the water to our wells and springs, but the question of a remedy has got so far beyond the individual farmer, that he simply can do nothing about it.

The lakes and streams comprising the watershed, drained by the Napanee River, are located mostly in the County of Frontenac. All told, there are thirteen fair sized lakes, and in addition, a number of smaller ones. There is too, a large area of swamp or drowned land, said to approximate twenty thousand acres, which geologists tell us, was once a lake.

In the early days before the forests were removed, this chain of lakes was filled with water the year round and the first settlers had no concern regarding their water supply. A well ten or fifteen feet deep was ample for every requirement.

The original forest growth within the area of these lakes, created a natural barrier which held the winter precipitation so effectively, that the water drained off gradually throughout the entire summer.

These forests constituted one of our most valuable resources, and the early governments of this Province must be held responsible for permitting the lumber companies to despoil so wonderful a heritage, for a mere mess of pottage.

The lumberman soon discovered that the removal of the timber surrounding these lakes seriously affected the water levels and to meet this continuency, built a system of dams, to enable them to float their logs and timber down the Napanee River, to market. These dams were maintained for many years by the lumbermen and during the period, few complaints were heard concerning the water supply.

These dams were later acquired by a joint stock company, organized by the mill owners and designated "The Napanee River and Improvement Company, holding a charter from the Government of Ontario, which enabled them to maintain and erect dams at a certain height, for conservation and power purposes. This Company is still functioning.

Forty years ago an agitation arose, sponsored by farmers owning lands adjacent to these lakes, for the removal of the dams maintained by the Napanee River and Improvement Company, for conservation purposes. The argument used was that much land and the roads were being flooded by reason of these dams. These farmers memorialized the Ontario Government to smash their privileges by annulling the Charter of the Water Company and to order the removal of these dams. The delegation was headed by the Reeves of three Municipalities, Hinchinbrook, Portland and Camden. Together with their solicitor, W. F. Nickle, Kingston. The Napanee Improvement Company was represented by the President and Secretary of the Company, and the late Hon. W. D. McPherson as their solicitor. The Government, following a careful weighing of the evidence, refused to act on the ground of vested interests. Shortly following the Government's refusal to interfere in the matter, the dams in question, in some mysterious manner, suddenly "went out" and with one or two exceptions, have not been replaced.

Following the removal of these dams, the marsh surrounding these lakes dried up so completely, that the marsh lands failed to produce the luxuriant growth of marsh hay of former years and all semblance of vegetation disappeared and to day all that can be observed, is a crop of useless willows. The timber, too, on the swamp lands, was adversely affected the ash timber became rotten-hearted and fine stands of tamarack completely disappeared.

Another factor which enters largely into this picture and in which the general public is greatly interested, is the shortage of water to drive the machinery of the mills located on the Napanee River. These mill owners to meet this deficiency, were compelled in many instances, to install team or gas driven engines as an auxiliary to meet the demands of their customers. Methods of farming have so changed that, today all the grain raised on the farm is fed to livestock and, in addition, car-load after car-load is shipped in for the same purpose and all this has to be ground or chopped by these mills.

Regarding our present and future water supply, there are, in the opinion of the writer, two ways in which this unfortunate predicament, which we have brought upon ourselves, can be successfully counteracted or removed. First, to rebuild the dams. Second, to reforest this lake region. The undertaking should be synchronized and proceeded with, simultaneously.

The plan herewith suggested would impound the waters of these lakes and the thousands of potential horse-power seen plunging to waste every spring, would be completely averted.

The "Conservation Works" necessary to cope with this situation, will mean that the Provincial Government will have to be called in and the present moment would seem to be an opportune time.

The Government at Ottawa and also the Provincial Government at Toronto, have the responsibility of finding jobs for our returned men and also our civilian population, following the end of the war, and conservation works will surely head the list and be the first to be undertaken.

The proposed conservation scheme would, undoubtedly, submerge some marginal lands surrounding these lakes and provision will have to be made to adequately compensate the owners.

The Counties of Frontenac and Lennox and Addington are fortunate in having such as system of beautiful lakes and the prospect of the tourist business looms big on the horizon and since we are located on the door-step of the great Empire State of New York, the most densely populated state in the United States of America, we should capitalize on this and be ready when the rush starts.

JOSEPH FOSTER.
Maplehurst Farm, Moscow, Ont.

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MOUNT PLEASANT PIONEER W. I.

On Thursday afternoon, December 7th, the regular meeting of Mount Pleasant Pioneer Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. F. Stafford, with the president, Mrs. A. Sexsmith in charge, assisted by the secretary, Mrs. C Nugent. The meeting opened by singing the ode, after which the Lord's Prayer was repeated. There was a splendid attendance of members who answered the roll call by a cash donation for the purchase of gifts to be sent to the boys of the district, who are serving overseas. A substantial sum was received. It was also decided to send greetings to the shut-ins of the community at Christmas time. Plans were made for making a recipe book composed of favourite recipes of the members. When completed the books will be offered for sale. The social part of the programme was in charge of Mrs. Ross Oliver and Mrs. Garnet Dupre, who consisted of several interesting and entertaining numbers, including a Child Health talk by Mrs. Brooks Allen, Reg. N. which was much appreciated. Mrs. Dupre read a reading which was in the form of a letter written by Rev. Pringle describing the history of the church on the Mohawk Reserve and the notable gifts which have been received by its concrete conducted by Mrs. Dupre was won by Mrs. F. Oliver. Mrs. R. Oliver gave a brief talk on Citizenship. Two piano solos by Mrs. George Wright of Belleville, were enjoyed by all. Mrs. John Doyle was the lucky winner of the door prize.

The meeting closed with the National Anthem, after which lunch was served and a social hour enjoyed by the members and their visitors.

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INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON, DECEMBER 17TH, 1944

"CHRISTIAN LIVING AT ITS BEST"
Lesson Text: Galatians 5: 22; 6: 1-10

Christianity is more than a set of rules. It is conceivable that a man might keep the rules and still not be a christian in the sense that he is a disciple of Christ. The rules of christian living must emerge from the inner life. It is the spirit which is all important. To tell a man that he must have self control in order to be a christian is putting the cart before the horse. If a man has the spirit of Christ in his heart, then he will, naturally, develop self control, and exhibit it in his life. That is what Paul means when he says that the fruits of the spirits are love, etc.

The list which Paul gives as the fruit of the spirit is an interesting and inspiring one: "Love, joy, peace, long suffering, kindness goodness, faithfulness, meekness, self control." The practice of these and the attainment of the conditions they represent come from the inside. If we have the right spirit, then these will develop as naturally as the fruit of the tree develops from the life which it draws from the soil and the air.

Paul gives some practical admonitions with respect to the manifestation of the spirit. It is one thing to live by the spirit, he says, but a totally different matter to walk by the spirit. That is to say there must be both belief and practice. It is said that, theoretically, the German people are the most freedom loving people in Europe, but they do not practice it. The freedom they have is an intellectual concept. They can argue, debate, and defend the idea of freedom with skill and conviction, and yet never think of applying it in their political and social life. To believe all the creeds and still fail to practice the christian spirit as it discovers in human relations, is to miss the whole christian concept of life.

It is an interesting and challenging way in which Paul here, and Jesus in the Gospels, both stress the sins of the spirit. Too often the church has put the emphasis on sins of the flesh. While these must be no minimizing of the wrong of such sins, yet the sins which are here stressed by Paul are those of the spirit, vain glory, envy, and we might add selfishness, jealousy, and others. Once these sins creep into our hearts, all manner of evil follows. In the lay history of human endeavor it is these sins of the spirit which have caused the greater damage to society. Let a man or a nation envy another, sooner or later violence between the two emerges. Let a man or a nation become jealous of another's prosperity and we have personal feuds and international struggles. Let a business man become jealous of the success of another competitor and fat is in the fire. God rid of these spiritual sins and the sins of the flesh will disappear like snow off a dock.

Paul further shows in this passage how essential it is for a christian to have help, to have partners, to have companions. John Wesley used to say that no christian ever went to heaven unaccompanied or alone. What he meant was that christian living in the family the sense of christian fellowship is essential to the strengthening of our spiritual endeavor. The cell fellowship meetings played an important part in the development of christian character and the building of a great church. Too often, now, we leave a christian to fight all his battles alone. God knows the battle with the modern youth has to face are hard enough. They need the fellowship and kindred minds to the end that they may come safely through, and meet the trials as they arise.

God is not mocked. There is a law of cause and effect operative in the spiritual world as there is in the physical world. Throw a stone in the air and it will fall; sin and the consequences are inevitable. God will not be mocked; He takes no toll of life. There is no deviation from this law. When Paul says "He that sows to his own flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption", what he means simply is that the harvest of spiritual seed sowing is a crop of spiritual degeneracy. Selfishness will breed selfishness, envy will beget more envy, and so the whole life will become dwarfed, warped, and twisted.

"Work that which is good". Good works are the fruit of the spirit. But care has to be exercised lest we weary in them. We need, for our souls good, the exercise of generosity and love. But it must not end at that. Benevolence and Santa Claus funds are good, but they are not enough. Christian people, moved by the spirit, must struggle, fight and labor to remove the causes of poverty and disease and want. Only when the spirit operates in all these ways is there hope of the brotherhood and peace for which the world longs and prays.

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COLEBROOK

Colebrook, Dec. 9. — Mr. J. R. Case, of Detroit, was a recent guest at the home of Mrs. E. DShangraw.

Mrs. A. Hart was the hostess for the Woman's Association of the United Church on Wednesday evening, December 6th. The worship service was conducted by Rev. W. G. Fletcher, the theme being the "Christmas Story". Mr. Fletcher told a story bearing on the theme, and two Christmas carols were sung. Prayer was offered and scripture read. Mrs. Love, President, presided for the business. The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were read and approved, the Treasurer reporting over $400.0 receipts during the past year. Mr. Fletcher presided for the election of officers. The officers for 1944 were returned for another year. Mrs. Love received thanks and applause for her untiring efforts in the work. Christmas gifts were exchanged by the members, after which the hostess and committee served lunch and enjoyed a social hour.

Mrs. Bushy and granddaughter, Marion Denison, have gone to Kingston to reside for a short time.

Mrs. E. P. Purcell spent Friday and Saturday a guest of her daughter, Mrs. D. S. Paul, and Mr. Paul, Switzerville.

We regret the accident which befell Mrs. Charlotte Garrison, when she fell, injuring herself quite severely. We are glad to report she is improving.

Mrs. Alex. Ridgell was a recent guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Cowdy, Murvale.

Miss Orpha Babcock, sister of Mrs. P. Galbraith, is convalescing at Mrs. Galbraith's home, after an operation in Belleville General Hospital.

Mrs. Leonard Coulter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. McKnight, is boarding with her parents while engaged as teacher in Yarker Junior Room School.

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CAMDEN EAST

Camden East, Dec. 11. — Rev. and Mrs. Fletcher, of Yarker, were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. Parrott on Friday evening.

Mrs. Arthur Barr was hostess to the W. A. of the United Church on Friday afternoon last.

Sorry to report "Chub" Hanaghan confined to bed with rheumatic fever.

Dr. Galbraith, of Napanee is attending him and we all hope "Chub" will soon be around again.

Mrs. Percy E. Histed spent a couple of days last week in Deseronto with Mr. and Mrs. Herb. Histed.

Mrs. A. Brady has gone to Toronto, where she will spend several weeks with relatives.

Mrs. J. Glen and David are with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Aikenhead, for a few weeks, while P/O Glen is at Summerside, P.E.I., taking a course.

Mrs. F. Jeffrey, Lucien and Carmon, spent Friday evening with Mrs. Hanaghan.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cooper spent Friday in Belleville.

Mrs. R. Hart, of Havelock, has returned to her home, accompanied by her father, Mr. R. W. Seal, who will spend the winter with Mrs. Hart and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Davy, of the West, visited their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Damon Rogers, and other relatives here for several days.

The Boys and Girls Club met in the Library on Tuesday evening and enjoyed a few games and music.

The burial of the late Mrs. John Clancy, of Centreville, took place on Friday afternoon in St. Luke's cemetery. Rev. Canon Spencer conducted the service at the home and graveside.

SHANNONVILLE

Shannonville, Dec. 9. — Mr. Ted Mills, of Toronto, was a week end guest of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Vivian were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. K. R. Vivian.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Wilson visited at Mr. I. Cummings', Corbyville, on Wednesday evening.

A miscellaneous shower was held in the Orange Hall on Wednesday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Kent, who were recently married.

The monthly meeting of the W. M. S. was held at the home of Mrs. Allan MacDonald on Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Reuben Prinale passed away in Belleville General Hospital on Thursday afternoon. The sympathy of the community is conveyed to his many friends and relatives.

Mr. Lill McCardle, who has been in Kingston for some time has returned to his home here.

Master Brian Lever entertained a number of his young friends at a party on his sixth birthday on Wednesday evening.

Conway - Sandhurst

Conway - Sandhurst, Dec. 11. — Mr. and Mrs. George Ham were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, Wilton.

Mrs. Doris Wright spent last week end in Ottawa, guest of Miss Phyllis Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Crawford, of Amherst Island.

Mr. W. L. Haight spent this past week in Toronto.

Mr. Lou Wright, of Peterborough, spent the week end at her home and will be practice-teaching this week in the Napanee Public School.

Mrs. E. C. Hogeboom has been visiting in Amherst Island.

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Q. Are butter coupons 88 and 89 valid?

A. Yes, butter coupons 88 and 89 became valid December 14th.

Q. Will there be raisins and currants and shelled nuts in the stores for Christmas baking?

A. There should be a fair supply of raisins and currants and plenty of almonds, pecans and peanuts, but no shelled walnuts.

Q. When applying for coupons for evaporated milk, it is necessary to have your ration book with you?

A. Yes, definitely, you must present your No. 3 ration book when applying for canned milk.

Q. Will there be a good supply of turkeys and chickens this holiday season?

A. There should be a quantity of turkeys on the market with an abundance of chickens.

Q. Is there a ceiling price on canned poultry?

A. Yes, the WPTB has placed a limited turkey ceiling and chicken ceiling.

Q. Is cranberry sauce rationed?

A. Yes, cranberry sauce is rationed at 12 fluid oz. per D coupon. Fresh cranberries, however, are coupon free.

GRACE CHURCH W.M.S.

The December meeting of the Women's Missionary Society was held on Thursday afternoon in the Sunday school room with a splendid attendance. Mrs. C. D. McLellan, 1st Vice-president, presided. Mrs. James Haggerty acted as secretary. Those assisting in the opening were Mrs. Edith Prinale and Mrs. A. Young. The treasurer, Mrs. P. Vine gave her report which showed a balance on hand. Mrs. C. Denison read the letters from the sick and shut-ins. Miss Mellon thanked all who had helped her during her year of office. Mrs. Booth sang a vocal solo. The offering was dedicated by Mrs. G. F. Reddick. Mrs. Craig brought in the report of the Nominating Committee Rev. C. D. McLellan took charge of the election of officers and the installation followed.

The group of which Mrs. J. Haggerty and Mrs. Middleton are the conveners served refreshments. The following is the list of officers:

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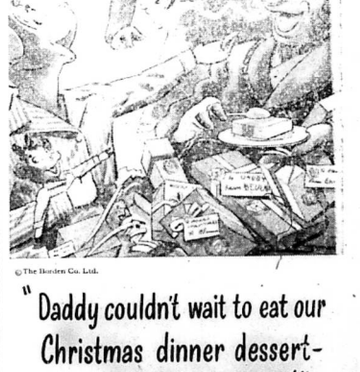

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Christmas Concert and Dance, on Thursday, December 21st, at 8:00 p.m., Stillsville Hall, sponsored by S.S. No. 5, South Fredericksburgh. Admission: Adults 35c., Children 20c. Nolan's Orchestra. 50b

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ANNUAL MEETING

The Red Cross Unit of the Maple Leaf W. I. and Hawley W. A. will hold its annual meeting at the home of Mrs. Sam Parks, on Tuesday, December 19th, at 1:00 p.m. Please note change of date. 50nc

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Our Shermans are all right in their class, but they are outclassed,' is the way the men put it.

Next in the enemy's armory they rank the regular Tiger and the Panther. Some believe the panther is the best all-around tank of the bunch.

At least 23 Royal Tigers have been knocked out on this front, but the men who did it say it is a question of a lucky shot or simply overwhelming them with other tanks or tank destroyers.

The new Royal Tiger weighs between 67 and 72 tons, has a top speed of about 20 miles an hour and its six inches of armor in front will stop Allied 75- and 76 mm. shells at ordinary distances. Armor on the side is two to three inches and on the back three to four inches thick.

It has a new super velocity 88-mm. gun with a shell almost a foot longer than any previously used. Its velocity is higher than anything the Americans are using against it. Smokeless powder makes it hard to detect.

The new Tiger has a faster turret than the old hand-operated Tiger's. It has 34-inch-wide treads which spread the great weight over a larger area.

The barrel of the 88 is more than 21 feet long. It is used chiefly on defensive positions and the Germans dig in around towns, keep the tank well camouflaged and wait until the advancing Americans are within 500 yards before opening up.

Here are some other opinions:

The Tiger is the best tank in the world today,' said Lieut. William P. Trimen, Tulsa, Okla., tank platoon leader. 'We need higher velocity guns to burn holes in German tanks.'

The Tiger's most vulnerable place is on top, where there is only about a half inch of armor. A direct hit with a high explosive artillery shell knocks it out, but the chance of scoring such a hit on a moving tank with artillery, is small.

EXPERIMENTAL CENTRE INDUSTRIAL REHABILITATION

London. — An experimental centre of industrial rehabilitation, the first of its kind in the British Isles, has been opened at Roffey Park, Horsham, for the benefit not only of wartime office and factory workers but also of discharged soldiers who have found difficulty in adapting themselves to industry.

Sickness absence in industry has increased by over 30 per cent. since 1939 yet only 7 per cent of sick absentees are 'hospital cases. Most of the remaining 93 per cent are suffering from 'debility', 'nervous dyspepsia', 'catarrh', and other manifestations of industrial fatigue and 'ill-health.' Most industrial medical officers agree that there is no large-scale malingering but that most workers return to work too soon after an illness and break down again.

It is estimated that the 15,000,000 insured workers in Britain lose 40,000,000 working days a year. On an average wage of only $13.29 per week, this means an annual income loss of $531,000,000. Yet, so far, there has been no general attempt to deal with this vast problem which will be even more serious when tired men and women return from the Services and demobilization and try to adapt themselves to a new life.

THE GERMAN SCENE TO-DAY

FROM THE REVIEW OF WORLD AFFAIRS

All that is said here has to be read in the context of the latest military news. Military events, in their turn, have to be judged by the immediate aims of the belligerents. These are concealed by neither side. The Allies need a swift decision. Everything induces us to say it. The Germans, despite their ghastly conditions, need a drawn-out stalemate. Both sides openly say so.

Allied offensive operations — West, East and South; that is the present order of intensity—could hardly be of greater significance than they are. Upon the balance of emphasis at the end of December will depend immense world issues of untold importance.

Everyone in Germany except the most highly privileged is suffering incredible privation. — dire battle, at home, more and more shortages, uncertainty about who is leading the nation, no clear prospect of any kind. That the people should put up with it at all astonishes observers at the Front. Winter has come to Berlin. It is cold and dreary. Almost everyone has a cold or hacking cough and feels the influenza fever creeping about him. It is a fight against draughts and a scramble for old newspapers to stop up holes in windows. Coal is short, very short. Heating is allowed but supplies are so slender that everyone fears to use much, lest January, February and March should prove unbearable. Air raid shortages create other problems. Almost everyone, incidentally, is convinced the War will last the Winter. It is dreaded yet an earlier end could only mean utter defeat.

An observer who recently travelled across Germany tells us of the devastation. It is very great. In scores of Berlin streets to see anyone at all is almost startling. Great areas of the city are almost completely deserted. There is a great deal of barter. Many advertisements appear in the newspapers offering to exchange. Money has little meaning. Bribing workmen is a great cult. A few eggs, fruit or vegetables will soften the carpenter's heart, and he will do a bit more for you than he ought.

Central Bureaux have been set up to organize repair work, but regulations are often overcome. The slogan for industry is simplification and standardization even to hats and caps, of which only seven different types are to be allowed. The relief dwellings being built on the outskirts of the much bombed town are quite interesting. The aim is to use as much air raid debris as possible. Specially machines have been made to grind down brick and mortar. This is baked into building slabs, or cast in forms like concrete blocks. The binding material is not cement, but a mixture of ash and lime, or finely ground slag. New areas of emergency cottages have grown up. Cities have new outlines. The big houses have gone and these tiny ones spring up. The standard of living follows this housing trend.

Many odd things can be seen in the streets. A tramcar hauls a lorry, saving petrol. At a suitable corner the lorry is disconnected and pushed into a side street, from which distribution of goods starts.

Private motors are only rarely seen. The police are very strict. It goes badly for anyone whose papers are not in perfect order.

The fate of Himmler has been s'ow, but very sure. It has been foreshadowed in these pages for years. That clever, ruthless man, blinking through his schoolmasterish spectacles is at heart a fundamentalist Bolshevik, a kind of non or anti-Stalin Bolshevik. Perhaps, despite the attacks on Bolshevism he and his supporters are slowly but drastically smashing middle-class and aristocratic Germany to smithereens.

The only factors which restrain Himmler from finally disposing of the remains of the older order of society, and openly declaring Germany to be a Bolshevist State, are fear for army morale and the sentiments of some important Generals. Himmler's own danger lies in the widespread hatred which is everywhere felt towards his Gestapo, and the self-protective policies of the remaining aristocrats in the upper ranks of the army.

The gradual withdrawal of Hitler, whether primarily caused or helped by physical or mental ill-health no secret service in the world knows for certain, is being made use of to help Germany's external relations. Either Hitler's final decline, or his re-appearance, would have quite a big effect upon affairs. Now that all this has been made so much of, his demise would be used in an attempt to impress foreign Powers. His reappearance, perhaps, from a grave illness or seemingly mortal wounding, would be explained as a miracle to bolster internal morale. Dead or alive, he will be used one way or the other.

In the meantime, Himmler, now that he is in power, is, to some extent following the very policy for which he hanged a large number of rivals. He is, moreover, quite prepared to conciliate the army so far as the direction of operations is concerned. The return of Rundstedt coincided with the quietening of Hitler and ascent of Himmler.

It is very notable that a number of Communists have lately been allowed out of prison. In some remarkable cases they have been shown considerable favor. All this forms a deliberate part of Himmler's elaborate schemes. He has several objects. One of them is to frighten the Western Powers with the old threat of vast German concessions to Russia in exchange for peace.

He has not succeeded in this.

Thus we see, a fresh twist to Germany's Russian policy. So severe and tense are the internal strains that with an intelligent political attack the whole vast edifice might at any moment split asunder and crash. The persistent theme of the newspapers is effective. Its capitulation would be worse. The Press hammers and hammers at the theme. This, plus the great difficulty of revolt, still keeps the Regime going. Moreover, people are so taken up with their personal problems that they have very little time to think of politics.

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WINSTON CHURCHILL

AN AMERICAN APPRECIATION

BY LAWRENCE HUNT

One of the finest tributes to Winston Churchill has been expressed with consummate skill and characteristic charm by Lawrence Hunt, a member of the New York Bar. Well-known to many thousands of Canadians as a great admirer of Britain and her achievements, Mr. Hunt wrote his splendid appreciation of the Premier for the London Daily Telegraph, through whose courtesy The Montreal Star had the pleasure of publishing it:

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Winston Churchill still remains a young man with a bright future. That is what many Americans believe. It is a belief partly based on a sure conviction—that of all the statesmen of the United Nations he can best lead the way to a more decent world.

We Americans know, of course, that Mr. Churchill has already lived a life that would take many volumes to tell. It is also a fact that the number 70 has been mentioned in connection with him, but we fail to see any significance in it. He is the most alive man we know, as alive as a small boy going to a circus. It is futile to measure him by age. We think of him in terms of achievement, ability, purpose, and, above all, character.

We like him so much, and need him so much, right now, that we do not care particularly what the so-called 'verdict of history' about him will be. Moreover, we suspect that the verdict will vary somewhat, depending on the intellectual fads and fashions of the time and the philosophies and prejudices of historians. The conservative may glumly decide that Mr. Churchill moved too fast; the radical may pompously point out that he failed to lead a revolution. We, his contemporaries, know that he is beloved by most men who love freedom and we feel that, much as it might embarrass a man with such a strong sense of humor, there is almost a certainty that Winston Churchill will be revered by future generations of men whose freedom he has fought so hard to save. Suffice it to say, here and now, that we Americans, who are alive with him and among whom he moves almost as one of us, regard him with gratitude and with hope as the greatest statesman of our age.

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There are many reasons why Americans appreciate Winston Churchill. Let us mention a few of them at random.

He has done so much. Soldier, war correspondent, historian, liberal reformer, orator, statesman, artist, and bricklayer are some of his pursuits which are known to us. Moreover, Mr. Churchill has bounce. There is nothing slapdash or half-hearted in the way he does the job in hand. He tackles it with gusto, and men enjoy watching the happy workman at his task.

He is human. We like his honest enjoyment of the minor luxuries of life the gay moment and the hearty laugh. He looks sociable, though never communicative. He is a good fellow, but vastly more. We feel him to be a man who really understands and likes other men because he, too, has made mistakes, suffered disappointment, met defeat, struggled against indifference, endured pain and sorrow. In these days of plans and blueprints, charts and catalogues, graphs and indices, and all the paraphernalia of the bureaucratic way of life, it is reassuring that the world's greatest statesman does not think of his fellow beings as a bunch of digits.

Mr. Churchill, we believe would give his shirt to a friend in need, but we are glad that to England's enemies wherever they are, he has made it clear that he will not be the dupe of his own generosity when Britain is concerned. We are glad because we, in America, are slowly in some instances reluctantly, but for the most part surely learning that a mighty British Empire is vital to the future security of the United States. Proud of his country's past, the supreme servant of its present need, unafraid of its future, Winston Churchill is the Mr. Greatheart of his own countrymen of all the English-speaking world.

Americans admire and have cause to be supremely thankful for Winston Churchill's genius as a statesman and orator. There is nothing synthetic about that genius. There are no khost writers lurking behind his speeches. Nor are his public utterances marred and stained by malice and vindictiveness. The noblest attribute of an American or British statesman is magnanimity. It is the hallmark of authentic greatness. America's Lincoln had it. So has Britain's Churchill. Since he became Prime Minister we have not even heard him say, 'I told you so.'

In short, Winston Churchill's brain and character are well mated and inseparable. That is why plain men and women know that he is truly great and not merely greatly clever. When we hear him speak we think of him, first, not as the orator but as the man. He has poured life and meaning into our greatest words and restored them to their ancient primacy in our language and in our hearts. Words like Truth, Freedom, Mercy and Humility, Faith and Fortitude, Prayer and Sacrifice, Love and Duty, Toil and Sweat. We know again what they mean— thanks to Mr. Churchill.

The nations of the earth are now approaching one of those supreme climaxes only human history when even wise and good men falter and fail. Whatever the politicians and intellectuals may think and scheme, the plain folk want two things. First, a world in which peace will be maintained and enforced by every necessary means. Second, a fair and workable compromise between two deeply rooted but historically conflicting desires of humankind—freedom and security. The price of freedom has always been high, and if we are not careful it might land us in the jungle of unrestrained competition, but if we are not even more careful, the price of security might be freedom itself, and we would then find ourselves governed by soulless bureaucracies, which have no time or thought for the dignity of the individual man.

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It is too much to expect and, indeed, it is unAmerican and unBritish and unhealthy to believe that any man, singlehanded, can achieve these things for us. There must, also be enough virtue and wisdom in plain men and women. And yet, they need all the courage and the vision and the common sense of their leaders. That is why so many Americans and so many men of good will everywhere look to Mr. Churchill and pray that the man do even more than he has done for the betterment of mankind.

In conclusion, Winston Churchill is a great man not only by reason of his personal achievements but also because he is an Englishman who has absorbed into the very marrow of his bones the best traditions and qualities of his own people. The British had the good fortune to produce him; he, at the same time, supremely important time, to understand him; the courage, in mankind's darkest hour, to follow him; and the grace, today, to appreciate him. In paying tribute to Mr. Churchill we Americans are merely compelled to pay tribute to his fellow countrymen, our comrades in war, and our brothers in the faster world which, with their aid and God's help, we can surely make.

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THE NAZI GARRISON IN PARIS

With all their vain boastings and their arrogant goose - stepping, the Germans were a scared people in Paris treading warily among the Frenchmen who respected them not at all and regarded them as barbarians in matters of taste and culture.

As we progressed through France, we have seen plenty of evidence that the German soldier is a good fighting man who sticks stupidly and otherwise to his post to the last, and that on the other hand the German general, colonel and staff officer is a creature who likes to eat and drink and sleep well and is constantly afraid of being bombed and shelled by the Allies.

Around their headquarters in the hotels George V, Majestic, Plaza, Maurice, Ritz and Continental, the Germans had built up an elaborate escape system. The celebrated sewers of Paris are not to be compared with the modern underground passageways through which the Germans had prepared to live and fight and, if necessary, escape, in Paris. From one house to another these underground routes led. If the worst happened and all Paris was bombed as all Berlin had been, these masterful yet pitiful Germans were prepared to live like rats.

For example, we inspected the work of the Boche in the Avenue Montaigne opposite the Hotel Plaza. For four years no Frenchman had been admitted to the sacred premises, but we managed to round up a concierge and a key. For they found beautiful houses in Paris, it was the property of the Marquise de Gontaut-Biron.

The Germans had not only taken over her home, but her beautiful garden of beeches and statues—and had ruined it. They had erected a concrete blockhouse, camouflaged in green. On the first floor were a first aid station, an operating room and bomb shelters complete even to telephones. In the basement were tunnels connecting up one house with another and leading from one hotel to another. Sensing that they were extremely undesirable in Paris, the Germans had prepared to live like rats and to move underground from one part of Paris to another without ever coming to the surface. It was a revelation of German planning and thinking and of the German inferiority complex, which makes the master race tremble and go underground.

All over Paris, and indeed throughout France, the Germans had built similar underground shelters. As the TODT organization built these elaborate and expensive structures, the French Patriots laughed quietly up their sleeves, for they could understand that the Germans who had been so arrogant in their conquest of Europe were now themselves very much afraid in the presence of Allied air power.

The Chase National Bank vault in the basement of the Hotel George V had been converted into a shelter. Many fine hotels and town houses had been turned into a series of connecting strongpoints and fortresses. The Germans were prepared, as they said, not to run or fight off the attack but to push them back into the bay of the Seine.

Unfortunately, their plans and preparations and boastings were all in vain. They not only could not recover the Normandy beaches, but they lost the battles of the Hotels Majestic and Crillon and Maurice and George V.

After this war no future Hitler will be able to say that the German army had been undefeated. We have seen it humiliated in Paris itself, where it had feasted for four years and had intended to stay forever.

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Mrs. Society: "Priscilla, you seem to have dropped your painting, your singing, and your piano practice. In fact, you don't seem to trouble over anything."

Priscilla: "Yes, Ma. What's the use of it all, now I'm engaged?"

ROYAL NAVAL SCIENTIFIC SERVICE

London. — The Royal Navy is to have its own permanent service of scientists and engineers engaged on research, experimental design, and development.

The personnel now enrolled in the Admiralty scientific, technical, and chemical pools are to be reorganized as the Royal Navy Scientific Service.

Security considerations permitting, members will contribute to the discussions of the learned institutions, enabling them to further the reputation of the Navy, for high quality scientific and engineering work, and to contribute to advances in these subjects for the benefit of the nation as a whole.

The Service represents an important step towards achieving the aim that every ship putting to sea shall in its conception and equipment be the best that modern science and engineering can produce, writes a naval correspondent.

When the war began there were 600 members of the three pools, now amalgamated. Since then, it has increased by 2,000. What the post-war strength will be is not yet known, but it will not fall to the pre-war mark.

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PERSONALS

It is the desire of the publishers that all should take an interest in this column of "The Beaver." If you have friends visiting you, or are going away for a trip, leave word or send the information on a Post Card.

Mrs. T. Winter and family of Napanee were week end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Armstrong, at Ebeneezer.

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Mrs. F. H. Perry, who recently spent some time in Kingston General Hospital, is again seriously ill at her home in Napanee.

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Mr. and Mrs. James Blakslee and baby, Carolynn, of Sydenham, and Miss Marguerite Blakslee, of Belleville, spent the week end with Mrs. Blakslee's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Collins, Newburgh Road.

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Rev. and Mrs. G. Kelly Napanee, have received word from their daughter, Mrs. M. L. Lasher, of her safe arrival in Jamaica.

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Miss Gayle Cooke, Toronto, was a recent guest of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Eleanor Cooke, South Napanee.

Mr. R. L. Miller spent last week in Toronto.

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Nursing Sister Isabel Chidley, St. Thomas, spent the week end with her parents, Rev. G. M. and Mrs. Chidley.

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Mr. and Mrs. Fraser Fretts and daughter, Ruth, of Gananoque, and Mr. and Mrs. E. I. Babcock, Westbrooke, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Collins, Newburgh Road.

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Sergt. M. C. Gray returned to Cornwall after spending his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gray, Selby.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harry Murphy, Shannonville, spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Hart, Napanee.

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Miss Eleanor Baker, Reg. Nurse, Weston, is spending two weeks with her sister, Mrs. M. R. Reid, and Mr. Reid.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Unsar, Napanee, announce the engagement of their youngest daughter, Marjorie Pearl, to Mr. Phillip James Beswick, B.Sc., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Beswick, of Port Colborne, Ont. The marriage will take place 29th December, in Morgan Memorial Chapel, Queen's University, Kingston.

BIRTHS

DILLON—At Tamworth, on Sunday, November 26th, 1944, to Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Dillon, Centreville, a daughter, Mary Margaret Eleanor.

MOORE — At Napanee, on Tuesday, December 5, 1944, to Pte. and Mrs. Bryce Moore, a son, Herbert Richard Merrill.

DEATHS

THOMPSON — At Napanee, Tuesday, December 12th, 1944, Miss Emma Thompson. Resting at Wartman Funeral Home. Funeral on Thursday, Dec. 14th, at 2 p.m.

CLANCY — At Newburgh, Sunday, December 10th, 1944, Albert E. Clancy, in his 80th year

Cards of Thanks

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shetler, Morven, wish to thank their friends and relatives for the lovely gifts which they received at the shower held at the Masonic Hall, Bath. 49p

Mr. Basil Ballance wishes to express his appreciation to his friends and relatives for the many kindnesses shown him during the illness of his wife, and for flowers sent at the time of her death. He wishes to especially thank Rev. H. B. Herrington, Minister of Newburgh United Church. 50ap

WEDDING BELLS

SNIDER - WALLACE

The United Church parsonage at Odessa was the scene of an interesting wedding on Thursday, December 7th, when Ada Madeline, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Wallace, Odessa, became the bride of Harry Bruce Snider, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Snider of Wilton. Rev. C. H. Hollinsworth officiated.

The bride wore a gold crepe dress with brown accessories and a corsage of yellow roses. Mrs. Cecil Parrott was her attendant and wore a navy crepe dress with matching accessories. Cecil Parrott was best man.

The happy couple left amid showers of confetti and best wishes for a short trip to the United States and points east. Upon their return they will reside at Wilton.

OBITUARIES

MRS. ANDREW SINCLAIR

A resident of the Tweed community for the past forty-four years, Mrs. Andrew Sinclair, died at her home in Tweed, early on Monday morning, December 4th, following an illness of six months. Eighty-one years of age, the deceased was born at Erinsville, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Thompson. Sixty - one year ago, she was married to Andrew Sinclair and the couple spent a few years at Stoco before coming to Tweed to make their home. She was one of the older, active residents of the village and was a faithful member of the Salvation Army Corps for many years.

Remaining besides her husband, are nine children; Mrs. Edward Long, of Tweed; William Sinclair, Stratford; Mrs. Edward Barry, Tweed; Mrs. Amos Clarke, Napanee; Mrs. Bessie Hughes, Napanee; Mrs. James Baker, Buffalo, N.Y.; Andrew Sinclair, of Montreal; Edward Sinclair, Toronto; and Archie Sinclair, Tweed.

The following brothers and sisters also remain: Chris. Thompson, Port Colborne; Mrs. Thomas Orr, Belleville, and Mrs. William Grier, Tweed.

The funeral was held on Wednesday, December 6th, at 2:00 p.m. from the Salvation Army Citadel to Victoria Cemetery, Tweed. Captain Hunt was in charge of the services.

MRS. BASIL BALLANCE

The death of Mrs. Basil Ballance at the early age of 25 years occurred at her home in Strathcona on Thursday, November 30th. Although in poor health for some time she had been seriously ill for only four days, and her death was learned with great regret by her many friends.

Mrs. Ballance, who was formerly Ada May Baker, was the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Baker, of Tamworth. She was born at Camden East, where she had lived until the time of her marriage about a year ago, and had since resided at Strathcona. So long as her health permitted she had been an active member of the United Church.

She is survived by her husband, her parents, and four brothers, Eddie, Archie, Denis and Alex., all at home.

Her funeral was conducted by Rev. H. B. Herrington, United Church minister at Newburgh, on Saturday, at her late home, and burial followed at Newburgh.

The pallbearers were Geo. Hatton, Lloyd Finlay, Wm. Sutton, Sid Milne, Wm. Toner and Albert Ramsay.

The Late Miss Emma Thompson

Miss Emma Thompson, a resident of Napanee for many years, died at her home, Bridge Street, on Tuesday of this week, after being in ill-health for several months.

Miss Thompson, who was one of a large family of the late Mr. and Mrs. Rensellaer Thompson, was born in Richmond Township near Napanee, but had lived in the town most of her lifetime. She was a member of Trinity United Church and as long as her health would permit was a regular attendant at the Sunday services and an active worker in the women's organizations.

She is survived by one sister, Miss Alma Thompson, with whom she resided, and by a large number of nieces and nephews.

Her body is resting at the Wartman Funeral Home where the funeral service will be conducted on Thursday afternoon at two o'clock by Rev. H. D. Campion, supply minister of Trinity United Church.

SWITZERVILLE MISSION BAND

The Christmas meeting of the Busy Bee Mission Band was held at the school on Wednesday afternoon, December 6th, with eighteen members present, and was in charge of the president, Paul Craig. The meeting was opened with a Christmas hymn, followed by repeating the Members' Purpose and the Lord's Prayer. Mary Vanalstyne read the minutes of the last meeting, and roll call was answered with a commandment. After the call to worship and response another Christmas hymn was sung and the scripture lesson was read by Nelson Brandon. Comments on the scripture lesson were read by Mary Vanalstyne and prayer by Barbara Robinson. The offering and gift boxes were received by Donald Vanalstyne and Nayldene Clark and dedicated in song. Watch tower items on missionary work in the East were given by George Benn, Vernon Snyder, Rosemary Moore, Percy Vanalstyne, Beulah Craig and Gerald Benn.

A Christmas story was read by Mrs. Wales, and copies of World Friends were distributed by Elaine Benn, after which the meeting was closed by singing the National Anthem and repeating the closing prayer.

The election of officers results as follows: President, Beulah Craig; Vice-President, Paul Craig; Secretary Mary Vanalstyne; Assistant Secretary, Barbara Robinson; Treasurer, Miss A. Stafford; Herald of Temperance Vernon Snyder; Herald of Peace, George Benn; Herald of Stewardship, Rosemary Moore.

REIDVILLE W. I.

The November meeting of Reidville Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Ed. Hannah. The president, Mrs. Fenwick, opened the meeting with the ode and creed. The roll call was answered by What Can I do to aid Victory. Members donated presents for a Christmas box to be sent to one of our local boys who is serving with the Air Force in Canada. Mrs. Hyland is to pack and send the box. Each member was asked to piece a block 17 ins. by 17 ins. for a quilt, blocks to be handed in by January 15th. Eva King was appointed to put blocks together. The Institute is to donate a Christmas dinner for an aged bachelor in the neighborhood. A dollar in war saving stamps was presented to baby Judy Patricia Hannah. Mrs. Reid read a letter from her son, Hugh, who is serving in Belgium thanking the Institute for Christmas box and box of delicacies sent to him by the Institute. We were proud to have nine blood donors at Napanee Blood Donors Clinic on Thursday November 1. The programme was in charge of Elva King. Mrs. Donald Hannah gave an interesting paper on the Canadian Basis Dairy Product. Readings were given by Mrs. J. H. Wilson and Mrs. Percy Rick. A contest was conducted on An Old-Fashioned Dinner the prize being won by Mrs. Donald Rick. A contest was also held singing the National Anthem. The hostess and her committee served refreshments and a social hour was enjoyed.

TYENDINAGA EAST W. I.

Mrs. Robert Tucker opened her home for the December meeting of the Tyendinaga East Women's Institute. There was a good attendance of members and visitors. The president opened the meeting with the ode and Lord's Prayer. The minutes and correspondence were read. The roll call was answered by a Christmas verse and exchange of gifts. Little Barbara Bell acting as Santa Claus. She gave each member a gift from a nicely decorated tree. It was decided to remember sick members with cards and gifts. A discussion on the next meeting, also a quilting for Mrs. P. Kimmerley gave the delayed report of the district convention. The topic, 'The Origin of Christmas' was very ably given by Mrs. W. Bell, explaining the customs, plans, etc, and ending with a lovely Christmas verse.

Mrs. Cameron Russell was in charge of the programme which consisted of carol singing, a Christmas story by Mrs. C. J. Akey, piano selection by Miss Ruth Tucker; a contest conducted by Mrs. D. Harvey, with Mrs. C. J. Akey and Mrs. R. McMath winning, the prizes.

The meeting closed by singing 'Silent Night' and a dainty lunch was served by the hostess and her committee. Mrs. Cameron Russell moved a vote of thanks to those who helped with the programme also to the Mrs. Tucker, for a pleasant evening.

THE PROBLEMS OF BELGIUM

BY WAVERLEY ROOT

Until a few weeks ago, whatever misgivings the Allies may have had about some of the other exiled governments, that of Belgium was high in their esteem. It was almost exactly the same government which had been in power at the time of the invasion. It had resulted from the last free elections held in the country. Its legality was unquestioned and its continuity assured. It was assumed that with the liberation of Belgium it could move back into Brussels to the tune of joyful huzzahs and pick up where it had left off.

So it comes as a little of a shock today to pick up a liberal publication and read, as though it required no proof or explanation a casual passing reference to 'the reactionary Pierlot government.' This summer, that government was accepted as a champion of democracy, peerless and liberalism. Today, it is 'reactionary.' How come?

We might be able to support a plausible argument against the use of that particular adjective, but it is also quite possible to understand the thought of the writer and find justification for the word. 'Reactionary' is a comparative term. Whether you think someone else 'reactionary' or not depends on where you stand yourself. When Pierlot and Company were being compared to the Germans who were in control in Germany, they didn't look particularly reactionary. When they are compared to the men of the resistance movements whom they found there when they came back, they do.

The Belgians themselves have gone through this same evolution in regard to their government. There was cheering as had been expected, when it first came back. Any Belgian government looked like a big improvement over the Germans. But the cheering quickly died away and now the Belgian ministry is nearing more booing and jeering than applause.

The situation cannot be dismissed by attributing the opposition to the government to the Communists, which seems to be the attitude in some quarters, and therefore deciding to oppose it. It is not the Communists alone who are disappointed in the actions of the government, first and foremost the attempt to disarm the resistance groups. It is the whole former underground movement. What is true is that the risk will be taken of making a present of this genuine and formidable popular force to the Communists, if it is rejected and countered by the leaders of the democratic groups.

What is happening in Belgium is easy enough to understand, and important also, for it is happening or will happen, everywhere in Europe. The exile governments cannot return and pick up where they left off, for the point where they left off isn't there any more. They have been stagnating abroad, but the people have moved forward. They have got to catch up with the peoples or they will lose the right to govern which is based upon acceptance of the government by the people. If, instead of trying to get up to the head of the procession again, they adopt instead the method of trying to rein the people back to the point at which they stopped short four and a half years ago, then they will indeed, be 'reactionary.'

It is not surprising that this government, which has not yet proved itself capable of catching up with a people which has far outdistanced it, is unable to win popular support. It is not surprising that it finds it difficult to persuade the resistance movements to lay down arms which they took up primarily against the invader, but which they determined long ago not to give up until they have also rid themselves of the system which let the invader in—which is typified for them by the present cabinet.

A few days ago the threat was being heard that the Allies might make the mistake of putting their armed force at the disposal of the Pierlot Government to force the disarming of the resistance groups — a course which would almost inevitably lead to their continued support, by the strength of arms, of this government in an unpopular victory. That would have been an ironic spectacle — the armies of democracy opposing the people, the liberators transforming themselves into the oppressors!

There seems to have been a revision of that point of view since General Erskine suggested that this use might be made of the Allied armies. The London Times, whose editorials are born behind the sombre gray stones of the Foreign Office, has just sounded a warning to 'trustee governments,' whose wise counsel, one may hope, will echo across the road and make itself heard on the other side of Downing Street as well as on the other side of the Channel.

"It is important that national Government everywhere should have a broad and comprehensive basis of national consent," the Times stated sapiently, adding that present governments of the formerly occupied territories 'should regard themselves as invested, not with plenary authority to determine the destinies of the country for an indefinite period but with the responsibility of preparing national trustees for the settlement which will one day be elected to take their place them. Rivalries between those who have kept the national cause alive beyond the national borders and those who staying at home have defied the worst hardships and horrors of Nazi occupation and for the ultimate triumphant forces of resistance may become a potent source of friction and it would be a perverted sense of justice which rates the claims of the former above those of the latter."

Those are winged words, but one wonders what nations in particular the editors of the Times and their friends in the Foreign Office had in mind when they put them together. Belgium, of course. But are they intended to be read also 'not to step on any sore toes, in perhaps, Italy?

BEHIND THE GREEK UNREST

Political strife in Greece, marked by bloodshed, stems from a problem previously faced in liberated countries of Europe and likely to be faced when others are freed — whether Partisan organizations which fought the Germans during the occupation shall surrender their arms at government demand.

Six Cabinet Ministers representing the left-wing E.A.M. resigned last Saturday after all moves to reach an understanding on the question of disarming resistance groups had failed. The E.A.M. —the initials stand for Ethnikon Apeleftherotikon Metopon, which means National Liberation Front—is the resistance organization formed in Greece in 1941 during the occupation. Its army is called E.L.A.S. —Greek peoples Army of Liberation — or just plain Partisans.

The premier George Papandreou's government, which Britain supports until it has a national army and is able to hold elections, is an outgrowth of the administration formed in Cairo by King George II in April, 1941, after the Germans overwhelmed Greece.

The first premier was Emmanuel Tsouderos, a follower of republican Eleutherios Venizelos. He saw in the leftist E.A.M. a threat to monarchy and the status quo. Tsouderos resigned last April after a mutiny by the Greek forces in Egypt who demanded E.A.M. representation in the government. The King called on Sophoel A. Venizelos, son of Eleutherios, to form a government.

That administration, however united the Greeks in the Middle East nor those in the home land and unrest in the armed forces continued. Venizelos resigned after the uprising and was replaced by Papandreou, a man in his 60's. His government for the first time in Greece's wartime history resembled a coalition, including E.A.M. members in key cabinet posts.

E.A.M. had its origin in a meeting of three men in Athens in 1941 — a sociology professor with communist leanings, an engineer and a former army officer named Cladakis. They planned how to continue resistance to the enemy and invited all Greeks regardless of past political beliefs to co-operate in whatever way the Allies desired toward continuing resistance. Two months later the movement was born and eventually they had their army, E.L.A.S., it numbered 50,000 by the spring of 1943 and was commanded by Maj-Gen. Saraphis, a professional soldier.

Meanwhile the EDES. emerged under Gen. Zervas, a professional soldier who refused to lead the E.A.M. army because he did not want to have anything to do with 'Reds.' Civil war broke out between the two factions in 1943 and Britain stopped arms shipments to both. A truce was signed last February and in March Premier Tsouderos was confronted with the army trouble.

In March the E.A.M. had formed the National Liberation Committee in Greece, asserting it was a de facto government. Then Tsouderos was confronted with army demands for its resignation and formation of a government containing E.A.M. representation. Tsouderos resigned on April 3rd.

The King, who formed these administrations in Cairo, is another source of political difference. The E.A.M. party platform says the people must be allowed to decide freely whether they want a king before he or any member of the royal family returns to Greek soil.

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In case more than the above candidates are nominated, then an Election will be held on Monday, January 1st, 1945, commencing at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and continuing until five o'clock in the afternoon.

Dated at Odessa, this 12th day of December, 1944.

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Dated at North Fredericksburgh, this 13th day of December, 1944.

LEONARD T. PARKS,
Township Clerk.

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NOTICE

A public meeting of the Electors of the Municipality of Newburgh, in the County of Lennox and Addington, will be held in the Town Hall, Newburgh, on

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22nd, 1944

at the hour of 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of nominating a Reeve and four Councillors to represent the said Village for the year 1945.

In case more than the above candidates are nominated, then an Election will be held on Monday, January 1st, 1945, commencing at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and continuing until five o'clock in the afternoon.

Dated at Newburgh, this 12th day of December, 1944.

ERNEST E. McQUAY,
Village Clerk.

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Definitions

Honesty—Fear of being caught.

Good Sport—One who will always let you have your own way.

Pessimist—One who sees things as they are.

Coach—Fellow who will gladly lay down your life for the school.

Conscience—The voice that tells you not to do something after you have done it.

AUCTION SALES REGISTER

E. J. Courneya will sell by public auction for Mrs. H. A. Carscallen, in the Village of Enterprise, on Friday, December 15th, at 12:30 p.m., household goods, including pool table, like new kitchen range, 3-burner oil stove and oven, 2 bedroom suites, mattresses, dressers, davenport, day bed, bookcase and writing desk combined, electric radio, typewriter, mahogany table, rockers and chairs, diningroom furniture, large set dishes, 2 three-piece bedroom suites, lawn swing, lamps, kitchen cabinet, bedding, tables, 2 wardrobes, 4 large floor rugs like new, 2 congoleum rugs, set table silverware, violin and case, dishes and kitchen utensils, coonskin coat, 3 pair fur gloves, feather pillows, 14 cords stove wood, 12 cords block wood. Terms cash.

At the same time and place the 9-room house, equipped with electricity, bathroom and furnace, with a large lot, garage, and hen house, will also be offered for sale, subject to reserve bid.

In case of bad weather, sale will be held following day. 49bne

PROCLAMATION!

Under and by virtue of authority vested in me as Mayor of the Municipality of Napanee, I hereby proclaim

TUESDAY, DEC'R 26th, 1944
(Boxing Day)
A CIVIC HOLIDAY

in and for the Town of Napanee, and I do respectfully request that all citizens do loyally observe the same.

DUANE ROBERT HALL,
Mayor.

"GOD SAVE THE KING"

Dated, December 12, 1944. 50b

Real Estate For Sale

Splendid Brick House, Bridge St., fully modern. $4,000.00. Terms.

Large Frame House, Graham St., three piece bath, furnace. $2,100.00. Terms.

JOHN WILSON,
Box 440, Napanee.

'Phone 545. 50a

NOMINATION MEETINGS

NOTICE

A public meeting of the Electors of the Municipality of Camden, in the County of Lennox and Addington, will be held in the Town Hall, Centreville, on

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22nd, 1944

at the hour of 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of nominating a Reeve, Deputy Reeve, and three Councillors, to represent the said Township for the year 1945.

Also nominations for three Trustees for each of the following School Areas: No. 1, Camden, comprising School Sections Nos. 4, 20, 21, 24 and 32; No. 2, Camden, comprising School Sections Nos. 3, 5, 6, 7, and 10 and 11; No. 3, Camden, comprising School Sections Nos. 12, 14, 16, 17, and 18.

In case more than the above candidates are nominated, then an Election will be held on Monday, January 1st, 1945, commencing at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and continuing until five o'clock in the afternoon.

Dated at Centreville, this 12th day of December, 1944.

J. ROSS HANNA,
Township Clerk.

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NOTICE

Subject to Section 65, Chapter 266, R.S.O., 1937, a public meeting of the Electors of the Municipality of Richmond, in the County of Lennox and Addington, will be held in the Town Hall, Selby, on

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22nd, 1944

at the hour of 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of nominating a Reeve and four Councillors to represent the said Township for the year 1945, and three Trustees for Public School Area Richmond North, and Two Trustees for Public School Area Richmond Centre.

In case more than the above candidates are nominated, then an Election will be held on Monday, January 1st, 1945, commencing at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and continuing until five o'clock in the afternoon.

Dated at Selby, this 12th day of December, 1944.

A. C. TUMMON,
Township Clerk
and Returning Officer

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NOTICE

A public meeting of the Electors of the Municipality of Adolphustown, in the County of Lennox and Addington, will be held in the Town Hall, Adolphustown, on

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22nd, 1944

at the hour of 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of nominating a Reeve and four Councillors to represent the said Township for the year 1945.

Also three School Trustees in Township School Area of S. S. No. 1, 2, 3.

In case more than the above candidates are nominated, then an Election will be held on Monday, January 1st, 1945, commencing at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and continuing until five o'clock in the afternoon.

Dated at Dorland, this 12th day of December, 1944.

A. C. DAVIS,
Township Clerk.

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National Temperance Study Course For Sunday Schools, 1944

INTERMEDIATE - SENIOR

LESSON IV. NOVEMBER 19TH

ALCOHOL AND SUCCESS IN LIFE

BY C. S. FARMER

When Bob returned to the farm after his brief camping holiday, he told farmer Hayes about the interesting times they had had at Beaver Lake. Mr. Hayes was glad to hear what Dr. Spragus had said about the injurious effects of alcohol on a person's health.

Every day after dinner the farmer and Bob Wallace, whom he affectionately called "the hired man", used to rest for about half an hour in the shade of a large maple tree at the front of the house before going out to the hay harvesting work of the afternoon.

"The doctor may know what alcohol does to a man's body" said Mr. Hayes, "but I can tell you what it has often done to a man's success in farming.

"There have been enough examples of failure due to drinking right here in this community to warn any young man to leave drink alone. Do you see that farm over there on the other side of the creek?"

"Yes," said Bob, "I have often wondered why that land is lying idle and the buildings going to ruin."

The farmer continued: "That land was settled about the same time as my own farm. My grandfather received this farm as a grant of land from the government, about seventy-five years ago. The other farm was granted to a family by the name of Brewstill. The elder Brewstill died about forty years ago. I can remember him. He was a stern, hard-working man, even in his old age. He had developed his land into a real good farm, rather better than my farm here, and he also left a good sum of money along with the farm to his son, whom everybody called Junior. But Junior got in with a gang over at West's Corners and began to drink. Within two years he had spent all the money his father had left him and the farm was being neglected. His wife and two young boys tried to keep up the work on the farm but the task was too heavy for them. About five years after the elder Brewstill had died his son Junior was killed on the highway. He was drunk at the time. The farm was lost for non-payment of taxes and it has been idle now for nearly thirty-five years."

"There was a time when the government prohibited the sale of liquor" said Bob, "but I was too young to remember what those days were like. Did that make much difference?"

"Yes," said Mr. Hayes. "The old saloon at West's Corners was torn down and we never heard of any person in this neighbourhood learning to drink during those years of prohibition. The farmer's sons around here just didn't think about drinking at all.

"But now, the government is selling liquor in special government stores and the hotels are operating beverage rooms. Some of the young folks from around here, both boys and girls, have formed the bad habit of patronizing these places. I could tell you of at least three farms where the owners are in danger of losing their property unless they can overcome their craving for drink.

"There is farmer Drinkwine with his four-hundred-acre farm a mile and a half down the road. He has two sons overseas with the Canadian army. Mr. Drinkwine had learned to get along without drink during prohibition, but now both he and his third son, who is home, are drinking heavily. They have already had to sell some of their best milking cows to pay their taxes, and some other bills and the money they are spending on drink will soon cost them that fine farm. What a disappointment it will be to those two boys when they come back from the army if they find the old home ruined by drink and the farm sold to pay off debts."

Bob broke in. "There is another way to look at it Everybody is talking these days about the post-war world. I read the other day that so many countries are on the verge of starvation that they will need every ton of food our Canadian farms can produce this year and for many years to come. We cannot afford to let anything interfere with full scale production on our farms. A lot of our boys from school could easily have gone to summer cottages for the school holidays, or they could have taken rather easy white-collar jobs in the city. But nearly all the fellows I knew have gone to farms because we were told how serious this food situation is."

A few days later Mr. Hayes and the "hired man" were drawing a load of grain to town—using the wagon and a team of horses to save gasoline.

"Do you know," said the farmer, "I have been doing some figuring since we were talking the other day. I looked up the Canadian government statistics for 1942 to see how much grain was used during that year by the distilleries and breweries for the making of alcoholic beverages. Do you know how many loads like this one we are drawing today went into liquor during that one year?"

Bob said that he would not have the faintest idea but that he would like to know.

Mr. Hayes continued, "If you were to take wagons like this one each with a load of one-and-a-half tons of grain, it would take nearly eighty thousand of them loaded with barley for the brewing industry alone. The corn, rye, wheat and barley for distilling the stronger liquors in the distilleries would take an additional seventy thousand wagons."

"If you could line all those wagons along the highway they would really look like something," said Bob. "How long a line would they make?"

"Well," deliberated the farmer, "this wagon and the team take about twenty feet, and if you allow four feet spaces between loads, that would mean twenty-four feet on the highway for each load. When I figured this out it came to a distance of over six hundred and eighty miles, more than twice the distance from Toronto to Montreal."

"Alcohol looks like No. 1 saboteur of our food supplies on the home front," said Bob.

In town the farmer delivered his load of grain to the freight sheds and called at the grocery to buy the supplies for the next week.

"How much sugar may I have, Mr. Grocer?" said Mr. Hayes. "Our peaches will be ready for preserving next week."

"Ten pounds are coming to you on your ration books" said the grocer after he had counted the coupons. "And you have six pounds more left on your preserving allowance."

"We will have a good bit more of our fruit if we had more sugar to put up," remarked the farmer. "My peach tree has enough fruit to use all this sugar, and the pears are only a little later, will have to be sold or given away."

That winery over in the next town uses a pile of sugar that might be put to better use," said the grocer.

"Yes," said Mr. Hayes, "the wine industry in Canada used over twelve-and-a-quarter million pounds of sugar the year before last. That would supply the present preserving allowance for all the people living in the three maritime provinces of Canada."

"Over forty-seven million pounds of fruit were made into wine during the same year," said the grocer.

As they drove back through West's Corners, Mr. Hayes pointed out where the saloon had been, back in the days before prohibition. He told Bob that there used to be plenty of drunk men around that corner almost every afternoon and evening. He said his vote would always be against allowing those former evil conditions to return.

QUESTIONS

1. Name three ways in which drinking habits spoil a young person's prospects of success
2. In your opinion, is widespread drinking likely to help or hinder in post-war reconstruction. — Why?

THE MIXING BOWL

By ANNE ALLAN
Hydro Home Economist

Hello, Homemakers! If there is one thing I enjoy it's going to the market on Saturday morning, where one can wander around and search out the choice offerings which the farmer has brought in from the country and arranged in colorful clusters, where we can pick and choose whatever suits our fancy, and our pocketbooks.

At present, the stalls are filled to overflowing with that old favourite, the cabbage family which includes everything from the runaway white head of cauliflower, broccoli, sprouts, curly savoys, to the big, firm purple and white drum heads which supply the main ingredient for the kraut crock and the winter salad bowl. There's always an abundance of bright green parsley, dark red beets, and big bunches of long Chinese cabbage, and bags of potatoes.

It is also interesting to see how many men are now going about with shopping lists, cautiously investigating each purchase they are making for the homemaker. Then there are the youngsters trailing their wagons with an air of independence and carrying the family shopping list to the market venders. To show how much she appreciates this friendly shopping assistance, the homemaker might plan to make a few special goodies ahead of the holiday. Cookies are a universal favourite, so here are a few recipes along with other Christmas suggestions:

CHRISTMAS COOKIES

One cup molasses, five-eighths of cup brown sugar, one and one-quarter cup shortening two unbeaten eggs, two teaspoons of ground cloves, one tablespoon of chopped orange peel, seven cups flour, two teaspoons soda, two tablespoons warm water.

Heat molasses and add sugar. When sugar is dissolved and mixture is still warm, stir in shortening, unbeaten eggs, cloves and peel. Pour into the mixing bowl and stir till well blended. Add four cups flour. Dissolve the soda in the water and add. Work in rest of flour except half-cup reserved for flouring board. Chill dough in electric refrigerator and roll out about one-eighth inch thick. Use fancy shapes for cutting if you have such. Bake on greased cookie sheet in hot oven for five minutes. This makes about 100

SHORTBREAD COOKIES

Half-pound butter, half-cup fruit sugar or rolled granulated sugar, two cups sifted rice flour.

Cream butter and gradually blend in your choice of sugar; cream very well. Add the flour, a third at a time, and combine very well after each addition— if flour becomes difficult to work in with spoon, use the hands. Turn dough onto a lightly floured baking board and knead in additional flour until cracks appear on the surface of the dough—avoid working in any more flour than will form the dough to the cracking point. Pat and roll dough to about one-third inch thickness, using a floured board to cut dough. Cookies may be decorated with a piece of cherry before baking; or prick the tops with the tines of a fork. Bake in a very s'ow oven, 275 degrees, about 40 minutes — until cookies are set.

YULETIDE FRUIT BARS

One cup all-purpose flour, one teaspoon baking powder, half-teaspoon salt, one cup of light brown sugar, one-quarter cup of melted shortening one tablespoon grated orange rind, two eggs, 4 cups cranberries, one and one-quarter cups citron peel, cut fine.

1. Sift flour; measure sift again with baking powder and salt; combine with sugar.
2. Add melted shortening and orange rind to well-beaten eggs; combine with dry ingredients.
3. Put cranberries through coarse grinder; add with peel to first mixture; mix well.
4. Pour into shallow well-greased pan 11 by 7 inches, bake in electric oven (350 deg.) 50 to 60 minutes.
5. Cut in bars while warm. Makes 24 bars.

JAM NIPTOES

Two cups of sifted flour, three tablespoons baking powder, half-teaspoon salt, two tablespoons of sugar, four tablespoons shortening, one egg two-thirds to three-quarters cups milk, jam (any flavour desired).

Sift flour, baking powder, salt and sugar together. Cut in shortening. Beat eggs and add milk. Add to dry ingredients to make a soft dough. Turn out on floured board and knead gently one-half minute. Roll out to one-eighth inch thickness. Cut into three-inch squares. Cut diagonally from each corner toward the centre, making the cut about one inch long. Place a teaspoon of jam in centre of each. Fold corners toward centre, pinwheel fashion. Bake on ungreased baking sheet in electric oven (450 deg.) 10 to 12 minutes. Makes about 18.

TAKE A TIP;

1. Cut refrigerator cookie dough for baking in thin slices, with a long, sharp, thin-bladed knife, using a sawing motion and pressing very lightly.
2. If a cookie maker is used, pack the dough in it tightly, being careful not to leave empty spaces or holes.
3. Substitute lard or similar fat for butter, but be sure to increase the amount by one-fifth and increase the amount of salt in the recipe.
4. Time the first pan of cookies accurately in the electric oven. Thereafter cookkies can be baked by the clock.
5. Cookie sheets should not be too large or too deep. There should be one inch of space on all sides to allow circulation of heat to obtain "even" cooking.

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WHY CANADIANS FIGHT

You folks ask us why we are fighting
In this melee of murder and tears,
And why did we rush to the colours
When we heard Britain call "Volunteers?"

You ask why we all donned the khaki
And sailed overseas trained to play part in this battle of freedom
And hasten that victorious day

You'll hear different reasons and versions
From various men of this life
Who are wearing the colours of Canada,
And proud to take part in the strife.
There's scavengers, doctors and farmers;
There's men who were noted for fame.
They all look alike in the khaki.
They're all here to fight just the same.

So, why are we fighting, you ask us?
Our hearts swell with pride when we say
We fight for Democracy's freedom.
Our forefathers schooled us that way.

We fight for a noble Dominion;
That houses the things we adore.
We're proud it is "Nullus Secondus."
All we ask for is peace, nothing more.

We fight to protect all our loved ones;
All the things that they cherish so dear,
So their future might be one of gladness,
Not a rite full of heartaches and fear.

We fight for the cause that is precious;
We're proud we can stand and defy
Herr Hitler, who Freedom would banish,
With God's help we'll win it or die.

COMS B. M. Parker.

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NORSE SABOTEURS BUSY

Despite numerous German double guards posted around workshops in the docks of Oslo, saboteurs managed to place delayed action board money ships. The explosions were very violent and effective. It is estimated that this sabotage destroyed or made useless some 35,000 tons of shipping for the Germans.

The fire in Oslo think that the sabotage is so effective that any Allied bombing is unnecessary for the time. At Akers near to Oslo four explosions occurred. The fire caused by the bomb exploding in the Diesel engine of the ship Schleswig was so violent that the centre of Oslo was brilliantly illuminated. The fire raged for more than twenty-four hours and completely wrecked the Schleswig. Another ship named the Tromma was heavily damaged and overturned. The Tromma was 5,800 tons. The Talwan of 2,500 tons was sunk and the German steamship Auerland was said to be sunk. A huge crane was set afire and badly damaged.

The 250 ton Caprino was blown up and the 4,300 ton Arna grounded.

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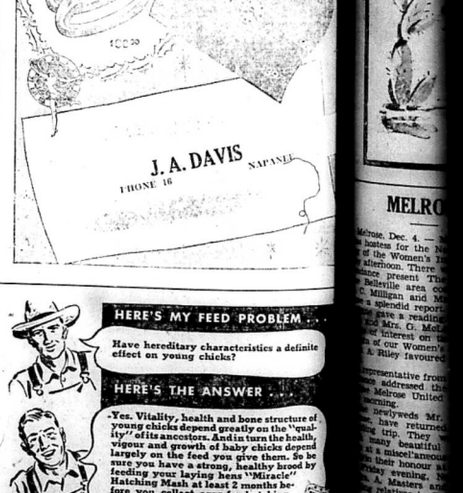
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DERBY'S 2 - SECRETS cedar wood box filled with lovely Perfume and Face Powder 1.50

From Now to Noël.. Its C.D.S. for Gifts

MELROSE

Melrose, Dec. 4. — Mrs. S. Demille was hostess for the November meeting of the Women's Institute Thursday afternoon. There was a large attendance present. The delegates to the Belleville area convention, Mrs. J. C. Milligan and Mrs. A. English, gave a splendid report. Mrs. J. Macfarlane gave a reading. Mrs. E. Badley and Mrs. G. McLaren presented items of interest on the subject The Origin of our Women's Institute, and Mrs. A. Riley favoured with a piano solo.

A representative from the Dominion Alliance addressed the congregation in the Melrose United Church Sunday morning.

The newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. V. Pascoe, have returned from their wedding trip. They were presented with many beautiful and useful gifts at a miscellaneous shower tendered in their honour at Melrose Hall on Friday evening, November 24th.

Mrs. A. Masters and children are visiting relatives in Belleville.

Mr. and Mrs E. Badgley, also Mrs. C. A. Knapp spent last Wednesday in Napanee, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Knapp.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Winter of Napanee were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. Badgley.

Friends regret the continued illness of Mrs. Keitha Neely at the home of her brother, Mr. Charles Osborne, Napanee. Mrs Neely formerly resided at Melrose.

Mr. Earl Badgley had his tonsils removed at Belleville General Hospital, last week.

The snowstorm on December 1st, filled the roads in this district.

KALADAR

Kaladar, Dec. 4. — The recent snowstorm shows that winter is here and the snow ploughs are out on the roads.

Mr. A. York has made his store larger. It has been a big improvement.

Mr. William Woodcock and son, Ostie and family from Tweed, visited friends at Kaladar, last Sunday.

Mrs. Emmerson Shier became the mother of a baby girl, last week. The baby is fine, mother not very strong as yet.

Mr. and Mrs. James Boomhour has been laid up with a lame back for some time. He is somewhat better.

Mrs. Ed. Woodcock and mother, Mrs. M. J. Copeland, were visiting Robert Herrington, last week.

School has opened up again with a new teacher.

Mr. Reg. Woods who was working for Mr. Kimmerly of Napanee is home again, working in the woods.

ENTERPRISE

Enterprise, Dec. 5. — The December meeting of the W. A. of Enterprise United Church was held at the home of Mrs. Robert Potter, with eighteen present. The president, Mrs. Robert Potter, opened the meeting. Mrs Frair conducted the worship period. Scripture readings were given by Mrs. George Nelson and Mrs. Henry Hartman. Mrs. Frair gave the life of Mary, Mother of our Lord. Christmas carols were sung with Mrs. R. C. Covert as pianist. Mrs. George Lockwood gave a reading and Mrs. Roy Hartman sang a solo. Mrs. Eric Jackson read letters of appreciation from Mrs. W. H. Vannest, S. D. Wagar and Frank Jackson and sons. On Mrs. Frair's invitation it was decided to have the January meeting with a 10c tea, at the parsonage. Mrs. Eric Jackson read the yearly report of the courtesy secretary. Rev. H. E. Frair conducted the election of officers for 1945, with Mrs. William Potter and Mrs. George Fenwick, Sr. as scrutineers. The officers elected were as follows: President, Mrs. R. Potter; Vice-President, Mrs. T. Jackson; Reco.-Secretary, Mrs. H. M. Jackson; Treasurer, Mrs. George Nelson; Corr.-Secretary, Mrs. Arthur Brown; Courtesy Secretary, Mrs. Eric Jackson; Devotional Convener, Mrs. H. E. Frair; Pianist, Mrs. R. C. Covert, Social Committee, Mrs. H. E. Vannest, Mrs. Allan Burgess, Mrs. Alonzo Jackson, Mrs. Henry Hartman, Mrs. Arthur Brown and Mrs Eric Jackson; Special Program Committee, Mrs. R. C. Covert, Mrs. Arthur Brown, Mrs. Allan Burgess and Miss Vivian Vannest. The hostess, assisted by Mrs. William Potter, served cake and ice cream. Mrs. R. C. Covert and Mrs. Edic Jackson moved a vote of thanks to the hostesses for their kind hospitality and all joined in hearty applause.

Enterprise, Dec. 9. — A musical concert was recently presented in Enterprise Community Hall by a number of Airmen, under the auspices of the United Church choir with AC2 Don. Kyle as master of ceremonies. AC2 Ted Chapman, pianist, accompanied. AC2 Don. Kyle was the tenor, AC2 Sandy Sandilands, baritone and AC2 Bud Peader, bass, in a vocal trio. Instrumental duets were given by AC2 Art Harmer and AC2 Glen Lawrence; vocal duets by AC2 Bud Peader and AC2 Sandy Sandilands; instrumental trios by AC2 Ted Chapman, AC2 John MacKelvie and AC2 Gordon Kobayashi; vocal solos by AC2 Don Kyle; piano solos by AC2 Ted Chapman, and a comedy act by AC2 Sandy Sandilands. AC2 Dave VanThinger was in charge of the broadcasting system. Community singing was also enjoyed during the evening.

The Airmen assisted the choir at the morning service in the United Church. "Come Let us Sing" was sung by the choir; AC2 Don Kyle sang "The Lost Chord" and a vocal trio was given by AC2 Bud Peader, AC2 Sandy Sandilands and AC2 Don. Kyle. AC2 Ted Chapman, pianist, played during the offertory.

AC2 Ted Chapman and AC2 Don Kyle were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Covert; AC3 Art Harmer was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Lockwood; AC2 Dave VanThinger and AC2 Bud Peader were guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Jackson; AC2 Glen Lawrence and AC2 Sandy Sandilands were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Kennedy; and AC2 MacKelvie and AC2 Gordon Kobayashi were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Walker.

Mrs. Charles Graham is visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Garland in Toronto.

DORLAND

Dorland, Dec. 2 — Winter arrived with a bang. After several days of heavy clouds and raw winds the snow began to fall on Thursday morning accompanied by heavy wind. Some cars had serious difficulty in reaching home Thursday evening, and by Friday morning all roads were blocked and township roads are still unopened. The Napanee mail made a late trip on Saturday. Home-made bread has been at a premium, as the baker failed to make his usual round. The men have been wading out to borrow flour or yeast, or both, from their more provident neighbors. Stock that was still out has been rounded up and stabled. The smaller boys are beginning to freeze over today.

Mr. and Mrs. Mac Remington and family moved to their new home at Newburgh on Monday. Before their departure they were presented with a coffee table by the Dorland neighborhood, an arm chair by the executive of the U. E. L. Cheese Co., and a rocking chair by brother-cheesemakers of the district. All wish them success and happiness in their new home.

A cordial welcome is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Remington, who moved in our midst the same day. Mr. Remington is now in charge of the factory.

An interesting meeting of the Y. P. S. was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. King on Tuesday evening. The President, Mr. Jas Smith, presided. Mrs. H. W. Vine was in charge of the evening's program and chose for her topic "The Healing Mission of the Church".

Dorland, Dec. 8. — Part of the snow which came over a week ago has disappeared, but, despite bright sun and heavy rain, much still remains, and the third concession road is not yet fit for travel. The downpour on Friday put water in many, if not all, the dry wells.

Hay Bay was all frozen over the early part of the week, but is opening up again.

The W. M. S. met at the home of Mrs. H. John on Wednesday afternoon. Owing to road conditions the attendance was smaller than usual, but those present enjoyed the inspiring Christmas program. The January meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. R. Humphrey.

Mr. James Bruce, Jr., returned, after spending several weeks in Toronto.

VIOLET

Violet, Dec. 9 — Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lemmon and Mr. and Mrs. Ross Hogle attended the funeral of their aunt, the late Mrs. John Clancy, Centreville, which was held from her late residence on Friday afternoon, December 8th. Rev. Canon Spencer, rector of St. Luke's Church, Camden East, officiated.

Much sympathy is extended to Mrs. George Hannah, who received the sad news of the death of her mother, the late Mrs. John Clancy, Centreville.

A meeting of the War Workers' Unit was held at the home of Mrs. Fred Sharp on Thursday afternoon last, December 7th.

Miss Coral Martin, of Kingston, spent last Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Martin.

Mrs. J. Forbes spent a few days recently with her daughter, Mrs. Wm. McMullen, Napanee.

Master Ernest Stevens and his sister, Helen Stevens, and Miss Coral Martin, spent last Sunday afternoon at Mr. William Sager's.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lemmon spent last Sunday afternoon with the latter's sister, Mrs. Ross Hogle, and Mr. Hogle.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hogle and little son spent last Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Hogle.

SELBY

Selby, Dec. 11. — The Township County Road employees have been busily engaged in conditioning the roads for motor traffic.

Sergeant Mate Gray, of Cornwall, who enjoyed a few days' furlough at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gray, has returned to duty.

There was a good attendance at the W. M. S. meeting on Thursday. The President, Mrs. James Rore, was in charge of the program, a part of which was a candle lighting service, Mrs. Percy Hudging, Mrs. Stanley Sexsmith, Mrs. Sam Weese and Mrs. B. F. Denison assisted. Mrs. Allan Wood, Superintendent of Christian Stewardship, contributed a very interesting reading, challenging the members of the W. M. S. to beware of many activities in vogue today, which are contrary to christian principles. Rev. Mr. Merrick was present and conducted the election of officers, Mrs. Rose being unanimously returned to the office of President, Mrs. W. A. McLeod, 1st Vice President, and Mrs. Everett Price, 2nd Vice President.

Mr. Fred Weese, who has been very ill during the past week with Dr. Mounce in attendance, is a little better.

Mrs. Fraser Allen, of Odessa, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Weese.

Mr. and Mrs. John Chambers were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Fitzpatrick on Sunday.

Doris Bevsmith spent Sunday at home.

Mrs. R. B. Thompson, of Napanee, was the week end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Merle Denison and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Dorland Wood and family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Wood on Sunday evening.

Rev. Mr. Merrick delivered a very earnest message on Sunday evening, and Lois McConnell sang a very appropriate solo.

The local schools are preparing for the annual Christmas entertainment.

BICKNELL'S CORNERS

Bicknell's Corners, Dec. 9. — Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Infant were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. McDonald one day last week.

Quite a number attended the regular monthly meeting of the Women's Institute, which was held at the home of Mrs. H. Robinson, Bethel Street, on Wednesday last.

Mrs. A. Barr entertained the W. A. on Thursday last.

Mrs. Kerrien Peters spent a few days in Toronto last week.

We are glad to report Mrs. Helen Curren much improved, after her recent illness, at the home of her sister, Mrs. W. Dunn.

Mrs Edna Scott has returned home, after spending two weeks in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. C. McCormick called on Mr. and Mrs. Milton Dunn on Sunday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Reid called on the latter's mother on Wednesday last.

FOURTH LINE

Fourth Line, Dec. 11. — Mr. and Mrs. Horace Denyes spent Sunday in Kingston with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Parrott.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McFarlane and Jimmie spent Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rogers, Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. VanSlyck, of Morven, were dinner guests on Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hagerman.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Parrott, of Kingston, spent Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. H. Denyes.

The Fourth Line W. A. held its monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Harold Robson, Violet, on Tuesday afternoon. After the devotional and the business meeting, Mrs. D. F. Aylesworth took charge of the program, and conducted the candle lighting service. At the close of the meeting the hostess and committee in charge served lunch. A very enjoyable and profitable afternoon was spent by all present.

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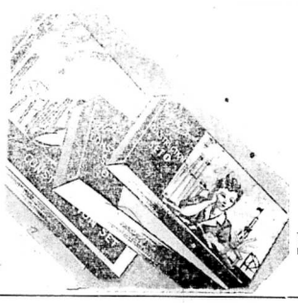

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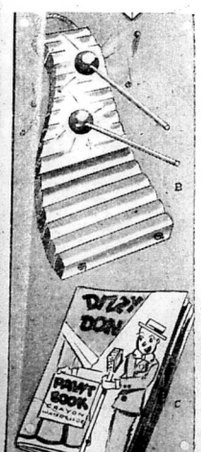

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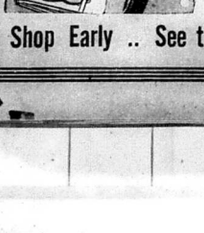

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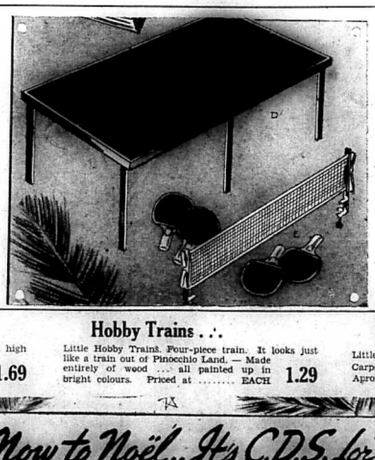

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CHRISTMAS 1944

For the sixth consecutive time Christmas will be observed under the shadow of war. For five years and over, everything for which Christmas stands has been in eclipse. But the eclipse is a temporary one. The shadow of late bitterness and destruction will pass, and the sun will shine again in all its beauty, bathing the world with its beneficial healing rays. Hate cannot continue indefinitely; racial antagonism cannot perpetrate itself forever; selfishness and greed are not God's last word for His creation. To be sure the seeds of distrust will bear their evil fruitage; the harvest will be bountiful, but it, too, will pass. It is written in the stars that truth will ultimately prevail, that justice is at the heart of the universe, and that peace and good will among men will, one day prevail.

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, God reaffirmed in a human personality his purposes for mankind and His plans for healing the world's hurt, by creating out of all the diverse elements of society a happy family relationship. Shepherds, unlearned men toughened by the wind of the hills, inured to hardship and poverty, recognizing the revelation of God did Him honour; wise men, representing all the intellectual brilliance of the day, bowed down before Him; the angels sang their joyous songs of approval.

The road to peace and good will is a long and tortuous one. Two thousand years have passed and the hopes of the First Christmas are still unfulfilled. Advocates of force and power are not easily overcome. With historic regularity they rise to challenge the way of peace and love. The challenge has just as regularly to be accepted, and the forces of good and evil wear themselves out in conflict. The price paid in life and treasure is incalculable. Hearts are heavy with sorrow, as million mourn the loss of loved ones. Homes are disrupted, families broken, as countless hosts of men face the issues of life and death in the far corners of the earth. But the Spirit of Christmas, the Spirit of Good Will must prevail. In the long perspective of history, the achievements will be worth the price, when men beat their swords into ploughshares — study war no more — and live in a great fellowship of peace and goodwill.

THE WAR IN THE WEST

The present stage of the struggle in the Western theatre has put a crimp in the optimism which swept over the United Nations when the armies of the United Nations were driving the Germans out of France. The Nazis have shown themselves skillful in regrouping their armies and in making a stand against forces of the United Nations. Having mastery of the air the United Nations have pounded the German-held positions unmercifully, and yet they seem to hold on with fanatical tenacity and to fight back with skill and daring. Every inch of the way is being fought for, and every point is being defended by the Germans, to the very last.

Now that the Germans are calling up their last man power, and pressing into service every person capable of bearing arms, they are hoping to build up a strong army against the Spring offensive of the United Nations. It is estimated that by the Spring the Germans will have more men in the forces than they had in September. Of course they will not be as well trained, nor as capable as those who have been called up earlier; nevertheless, they will provide a formidable foe for the United Nations, next year.

Then, too, the Germans are fighting on their own soil They can be expected to fight desperately. Fighting from inner lines, they will be in a better defense position than they were in other campaigns. They can be depended on to trot out some new engine of death. Already a new type of submarine is reported to be in commission, while experiments with rockets will continue.

These are some factors that must be taken into consideration, when seeking to estimate the relative strength of the contending forces. On the other hand, the United Nations now have the use of great ports through which to get supplies into the field of combat. The production of munitions goes on apace. Certain categories in the United States Armies are being released to work in war production stories so that when the Spring campaign opens, they will be sure of a continuous bank of supplies.

It must not be supposed that all the invention is taking place in Germany. Word comes that the United States is spending millions a month on a new type of rocket bomb. No doubt the United Nations have many surprises in store for the enemy in the final stages of the titanic struggle.

Meanwhile, the United Nations' strategy seems to be to continue relentlessly the pressure against the Nazi forces, so as to prevent them from consolidating their positions, or from improving their communications.

The struggle is not over yet! It will need the combined efforts of all to insure ultimate victory.

WILL LEAD AGAIN

Hon. Mitchell F. Hepburn, former Prime Minister of Ontario has been chosen as House Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party. Hon. Harry Nixon, the former leader, voluntarily relinquished in order to make way for Mr. Hepburn. What is behind this shuffle of the leading position of the Ontario Liberal Members is not far to seek. Since Mr. Hepburn resigned from the Premiership he has assumed very little responsibility. As a private member, he took only a passing interest in the political scene. The Liberals missed his fire, his enthusiasm, his fight The session was a somewhat tame affair without the irresponsible 'Mitch' pepping things up on occasion.

Then, too, the C. C. F. are presenting a real challenge to the older parties The Progressive Conservatives have done a good job under Premier Drew, but they have a rather precarious hold on office. Should the Prime Minister seek, by an appeal to the public, to get a firmer hold on the situation, the Liberals would be in a stronger position to challenge him under a leader like Mr Hepburn, than under Mr. Nixon. At least that is probably the way it has been figured out by those in authority within the party.

One of the reasons why Mr. Hepburn was forced to resign from the leadership was because of the bitter antagonism he displayed towards Prime Minister King. That may all be ended now. Mr. Hepburn has probably made his peace with the Ottawa branch of the family. If it should happen that Mr. Nixon were to be appointed a senator, all would be as merry as a wedding bell—within the party.

There can be no question of Mr. Hepburn's ability. He is a good speaker, witty and incisive; devastating in his attacks on opponents. He has the ability, as well, to hold the loyalty of his followers. His genial good nature makes it difficult, even for his enemies, to remain annoyed with him for any length of time.

Mr. Hepburn, however, has some grave weaknesses which override these good qualities. He is arbitrary, vindictive and intolerant. When he held office his attitude to church leaders of all denominations was one of contempt and disdain. Under him the temperance leaders were shown scant consideration. Those who stood for the church and for temperance were openly denounced on more than one occasion. Under Mr Hepburn's leadership the political life of this Province reached a low level. Mr. Hepburn spoke too quickly; he often said things that were quite unworthy of a Premier of a great Province. We would be greatly mistaken if the Province, once having had a taste of such leadership, should accept it again.

It may be that in this time of comparative leisure from political responsibility Mr. Hepburn may have had time to think over the past. He may have seen the errors of his ways and be prepared to govern his own life and lead his party in the light of such self-examination. If Mr. Hepburn has learned self-control, tolerance, and a sense of dignity of office, he may prove worthy of the trust his friends have reposed in him. We are withholding judgment in the meantime—though hoping for the best.

ON THE NEW FRONT

By far the most disquieting and ominous news, these days, comes from the liberated countries. In Greece, the world is aghast to learn that British guns and British ammunition are being used to kill men who, but a few short weeks ago, were our Allies in driving out the Nazi forces. The news from Greece makes sad and depressing reading. Mr. Churchill defended the action of the British Government in one of his great fighting speeches. But the vehemence of his language did not satisfy public opinion in Great Britain. Nor are we inclined to be greatly moved by it.

Mr. Churchill claimed that the Government in Greece had to be supported by force if necessary, so that order might be preserved until later on, when a vote could be taken. The trouble with that argument is that it assumes that the present government represents the people. This is a grave assumption, if we are to judge of the large number who oppose it. Mr. Churchill says that the Leftists refused to lay down their arms when ordered to do so. The Greek papers on this Continent say that the Leftists agreed to lay down their arms if the Rightists were disarmed as well. There was no promise that this would be done.

THE CHURCHES

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH
Rev. G.M. Chidley, B.A., Minister

10:00 a.m. Church Tower Carol Chime Broadcast.
10:30 a.m. Christmas Service.
Christmas message: "The Perfect Christmas Service"
Very Special Christmas music, by Male Choir.
11:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Classes.
No service Sunday evening.

GRACE UNITED CHURCH
Rev. C. D. McLellan, B.A., B.D., Minister

Christmas Services
10:30 a.m., Morning Service. Subject 'Bells and Bombs.'
11:45 a.m. Sunday School, and Bible Classes. Carols and Christmas Story.
7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight and Carol Service.
The Young People's Union will not meet.
The Minister and Official Board of Grace Church extend to the people of Napanee and district, warm good wishes for a happy Christmas season.

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Saturday at 8:00 p.m., Public Meeting.
Sunday Services:
11:00 a.m., Holiness Meeting.
2:30 p.m., Sunday School.
7:00 p.m., Salvation Meeting.

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10:00 a.m. Sunday Bible School
11:00 a.m., 'His Name Wonderful'
7:15 p.m., Song Service.
7:30 p.m., 'The Shepherds' Joy'
Wednesday, 3:00 p.m., Bible study and Prayer.
Friday, 7:30 p.m. A special night for the boys and girls this week. Picture slides on 'Cripple Tom' will be shown.
Saturday 10:30 a.m., Heart Talks' broadcast over CKWS, 960 Kingston.

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11:00 a.m., Morning Worship
7:30 p.m., Evangelistic Service
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11 a.m., Devotional Service.
7:15 p.m., 'Back to God' Revival Hour.
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BAY PASTORAL CHARGE
THE UNITED CHURCH
Rev. F. J. Armitage, B.A., Minister

Sunday Services.
11:00 a.m., Hay Bay.
Sand Hill at Lawrence Moore's at 2:30 p.m.
Gretna, at 8:00 p.m.
All Christmas Services.

ADOLPHUSTOWN CHARGE
THE UNITED CHURCH
Rev. Ken. J. Crawford, B.A., Minister

Adolphustown at 11:00 a.m.
Conway, at 8:00 p.m.

MORVEN AND STELLA PASTORAL CHARGE
THE UNITED CHURCH
C. W. Trill, Minister

11:00 a.m. Sunday School, Morven Erick Church.
7:30 p.m., Church Service, Morven Erick Church.
10:30 a.m. Sunday School, Stella.
11:00 a.m., Stella, Church Service.

SELBY PASTORAL CHARGE
THE UNITED CHURCH
Rev. W. R. Merrick, Minister

Empey Hill, 10:30 a.m., Sunday School—and Christmas Worship Service.
Selby, 10:30 a.m., Sunday School.
Selby, 7:30 p.m., Evening Worship and Christmas Service.

BATH PASTORAL CHARGE
THE UNITED CHURCH
Rev. James Robinson, Minister

Hawley, 11:00 a.m.
Union, 2:30 p.m.
Bath 8:00 p.m.

INSIDE A B-29 SUPERFORTRESS

The story behind the powerful self-defence of the B-29 superfortresses the fact which let them make fourteen missions before one was shot down by Japanese fighters, has been released in detail — a revolutionary system of remote control of 12 punishing machine guns and a 20-millimetre cannon.

Gunners can sit far away in the comfort of a pressurized cabin, relaxing, smoking, eating during the travel hours of a mission. Then, in the demanding moments of combat, they can fire their guns with the uncanny aid of an electronic brain, comparable to the renowned Norden Bomb sight — never once laying a hand on their lethal weapons, except to pull the trigger.

Silvered screens were whisked away first from a stage in the exhibit sponsored by the Army Air Technical Service Command and the General Electric Company, which developed the system. Beneath a blue drawing of a B-29 was a simulated layout of its firepower—aft a silvery turret, two 50-calibre machine-guns protruding; amidships, a sight and computer; forward another turret and still farther ahead, a nose sighting station.

The actual Superfortress has five turrets and five sighting stations, one for each gunner But most important of all, gun control can be shifted from gunner to gunner in 30 different combinations.

One gunner may control as many as three turrets, with seven guns, depending on enemy tactics — or in the facts of war, in case of death or wounding of his comrades.

The problem behind the quest for the B-29 central fire control system was evident. In its rushing airstream, no ordinary human could hold two guns, let alone manipulate them. The power-driven turrets which, in lesser planes, house a gunner create aerodynamic drag and add weight, slowing the plane and using up fuel. In such turrets, the gunner must remain in cramped quarters; the turret cannot be pressurized, and he must wear heavy clothing and oxygen mask throughout a high-altitude flight.

With remote control, the turret is reduced to bring the guns as close as possible to fuselage limiting drag and weight. The gunner can remain in the pressurized cabin. So self-contained is the turret that it automatically feeds ammunition, ejects and replaces duds, ignores plane manoeuvre, guards automatically against shooting at its own planes. Firing 500 bullets per minute, the turrets have been so successful that fewer than one per cent of B-29 guns have failed on missions of the 20th air force.

The B - 29 system electronically solves the unique sighting problems of rapid aerial warfare. An enemy plane may be 800 yards away at 20-to-3 feet altitude, speeding 400 miles an hour In such cases, gravity would pull a .50 calibre bullet down nearly 11 feet If a split was 41 feet away from the gun, parallax action might cause a target to be missed by that margin. The B-29's own speed, at 250 miles an hour, would subject its bullet broadside to an equivalent gale, curving the projectile 26 feet off the target. And the speed of the enemy plane would be advancing it 116 yards away from the original point of sight.

None of these four mathematical calculations bother the B-29 gunner. He aims his enemy in a small box, open at both ends, containing a slanting glass. He registers the foe's size on one instrument, then focuses a circle of red dots on that on the image of the enemy plane.

Electrical impulses relay the information on the enemy's range and speed to the mathematical wizard beside him, an electronic-mechanical computer. The navigator has previously transmitted data on altitude outside temperature and the B-29's speed.

Heretofore, remote control of a single gun turret has been used in the P-61 Black Widow fighter, while the B-17 Flying Fortress has had remote control in operation of its chin turret The Germans have been reported to have tried about a year ago mechanical control of Messerschmidt fighters.

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The WPTB announces that anyone selling poultry to purveyors of meals, i.e. restaurants, hotels, boarding houses, etc., must not sell at more than the maximum wholesale ceiling price. Supplies of poultry intended for use during the seven-day period immediately following the day on which delivery of the poultry is made may be sold at one more than ten Per Cent above the maximum wholesale ceiling price. This order will remove the uncertainty regarding the position of sales by primary producers, wholesalers and retailers. All sellers other than primary producers or retailers are obliged to apply to their nearest Board office to register before they may sell poultry to the mail-order-buyer trade.

YARKER PASTORAL CHARGE
THE UNITED CHURCH
Rev. W. G. Fletcher, Pastor

11:00 a.m., Moscow.
2:30 p.m., Colebrook.
7:30 p.m., Camden East
7:30 p.m., Yarker

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Cash on Hand and in Banks, including Bank of Canada	$ 48,200,005
Deposit with Minister of Finance	100,885
Government and Other Securities	143,646,199
Call Loans	4,227,560
	$196,734,649
Commercial Loans and Discounts	67,124,250
Bank Premises	4,884,640
Liabilities of Customers under Letters of Credit, Acceptances and Sundry Other Assets	6,578,860
	$275,341,417

LIABILITIES

Deposits	$247,859,696
Deposits by other Banks	4,368,192
Notes in Circulation	1,162,767
Letters of Credit, Acceptances and Sundry Other Liabilities	6,509,037
	$260,269,692
Capital, Reserve and Undivided Profits	15,071,725
	$275,341,417

The General Manager,
The Dominion Bank,
Toronto, Ontario.

We report that we have examined the above condensed Balance Sheet as at October 31st, 1944, and compared it with the books at Head Office and with the certified returns from the Branches. We have examined the cash and the securities representing the Bank's investments, held at Head Office and certain of the larger Branches as at October 31st, 1944, and in addition we examined the cash and the securities held at certain of the important Branches during the year. We have obtained all the information and explanations that we have required, and in our opinion the transactions of the Bank which have come under our notice have been within the powers of the Bank.

In our opinion the Balance Sheet discloses the true condition of the Bank and is as shown by the books of the Bank.

A. B. SHEPHERD, F.C.A.
of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co.
W. D. GLENDINNING, F.C.A.
of Glendinning, Jarrett, Gray & Roberts

Toronto, Ontario,
November 20th, 1944.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON, DECEMBER 24TH, 1944

THE GROUND OF UNIVERSAL JOY

Lesson Text: Luke 2: 8-12. Hebrews 1: 1-4. 1 John 1: 1-4

The first section of the lesson deals with the traditional story of the first Christmas. Familiar as it is, the story never loses its fascination and its appeal. Anywhere and at any place, the baby holds the centre of the stage. In the home, in the station, on the train, anywhere a baby appears, it is at once the centre of admiration and love. Its innocence, its helplessness, its trust win the hearts of all. It is not to be wondered at that when Jesus was born He held the attention of the community. The peculiar circumstances of His birth, too, made a definite and telling appeal to the people who were nearby The story of the birth of our Saviour is set in a mosaic of song, shepherds and heavenly visitants, all attesting the significance of His advent. For years, generations, the Hebrew people had looked for a saviour. They were downtrodden, a subject people. Always they hoped for the day when a leader would arise to save them from the thra'dom of a servile state. There was joy in the hearts of all, with the announcement of the birth in Bethlehem.

In the second passage taken from Hebrews, the writer states the Christian conviction that God, who had in times past spoken through the prophets, had now spoken through His Son (Jesus Christ). The Hebrew people are unique in that the revelation of God as a moral and ethical God who demanded justice, love and mercy From His people, came through them. It was through the prophets from Elijah to John the Baptist, that the Hebrews looked for their understanding of God, and of His revelation. Each of these in turn had been chosen of God as the vehicle for some special revelation of His purpose and nature. Now, in Hebrews, the writer points out that God had revealed Himself through His Son. This is a unique and eternal testimony to the purpose of God for His people. The relationship between them is that of a son to a father. Fatherhood and sonship—the relationship which is bound, ultimately, to save mankind When all men recognize God as Father, then all men will be to each other as brothers. Only then will it be possible to fulfill the hopes and aims of the Heavenly visitants who sang their songs of peace and good will. Peace and good will can only become the lot of society on the basis of religion, and religion that recognizes all men as brothers sons and daughters of one God.

The final section of the lesson is taken from the first epistle of John. The writer speaks definitely and out of a very vivid experience of the power of God in Christ. He declares that he is not writing from the point of view of philosophy, or of history. He talks out of his own experience: 'that which we have seen with our eyes, that which we beheld, and our hands handled concerning the word of life . . . declare we unto you.' There is no argument that can stand against practical experience. Let a man experience Christ, and all the arguments of all the scholars avail nothing. That is what John is doing. He stakes his whole case of the Divine Life of Christ, on his own experience.

His does more than that. He has a purpose in making his declaration. It is that the readers, too, may have fellgwship with the Father. "If people think of God as a sort of remote control for the world, they miss the vital kernel of Christianity, which is based on association, fellowship, cooperative activity between God, Jesus and all believers." With Jesus the Divine Life entered our life He came as a person He lived in a home. He sanctified and blessed all human relations. He looked forward to the home as the central feature of the world that is to be.

Christmas draws the focus of attention on the home, and on it as the nucleus or norm of the future world organization, a condition in which peace and goodwill shall prevail, because the acknowledgement of God as Father, and all men as brothers in Christ.

THE LANDING CRAFT TANK (ROCKET)

London. — One of Britain's "secret weapons," which was used with devastating effect in the invasion of the Continent, is the Landing Craft Tank (Rocket). The rocket craft was developed by Combined Operations Headquarters to give close support to our troops as they approached the beach.

One Landing Craft Tank was fitted with a large number of rocket projectors and was ready for its first trial in April, 1943. Then six craft were hurriedly adapted to take part in the landing on Sicily, where it was reported that their impact so shook the Italian garrisons in certain positions that they surrendered.

Many more craft were ordered for the invasion of north-west Europe designed to carry an even greater number of rockets, all of which could be fired in a period of some 30 seconds, at a considerable range. The effect of these rockets falling in a small area is such that the fire from one craft is roughly equivalent to that of 30 regiments of artillery or 30 cruisers each mounted with 12 6-inch guns, when related to the time over which the bombardment takes place.

THE DOMINION BANK 74TH ANNUAL STATEMENT

STRONG CASH AND LIQUID POSITION

INCREASE OF $51,000,000 IN ASSETS

SUBSTANTIALLY HIGHER DEPOSITS

Figures in the 74th annual statement of The Dominion Bank presented at the meeting of shareholders in Toronto on December 13 show a strong liquid position, substantially higher deposits, and an increase in investments and commercial loans, as a result of operations for the twelve months ended 31st October, 1944.

The amount of total assets now exceeds $275,000,000, is the largest ever published in the Bank's history.

Net profits totalled $925,973 compared with $914,249 for the previous year, after allowing for Dominion Government Taxes of $3,350,000, of which $81,307 is refundable.

An amount of $412,009 transferred from Contingency Reserve Account and Loss Account for payments in respect of 1943 Dominion Government taxes was arrived at after consultation with Department of Income officials, who considered that the reserve made for bad debts in 1943 was in excess of requirements. Dominion Government taxes for that year now total $831,019, including the provision of $439,019 made at last year's statement.

Profit and Loss Account now stands at $1,071,725, to which has been transferred $105,974 after providing for $560,000 in dividends, $110,000 towards Officers' Pension Fund and $150,000 written off Bank premises. Capital stands at $7,000,000 and Reserve $7,000,000, the same as last year.

Deposits were higher by $59,121,000 than last year, total'ing $247,859,000. Net profits of $1,671

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Wishing you all a Merry Xmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

J. A. DAVIS

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BETHEL

(For Last Week)

Bethel, Dec. 11. There is ice to a depth of two inches on Varty Lake and it is likely to remain as it is the third time the lake has frozen over.

Mrs. Percy Alkenbrack, with Mrs. Godfrey Barr, attended the Camden East W. M. S. of the United Church at the home of Mrs. Arthur Barr on Friday last.

Mrs. William Jackson attended the funeral of her uncle, the late Mr. Manson Vanaistine, Moscow, Thursday last, he being the last survivor of the family.

TAMWORTH

(For Last Week)

Tamworth, Dec. 11. — Following is the November report of the local Red Cross Unit: Sewing— 3 quilts, 5 ladies nightgowns, 1 pair boys' pants; Knitting— 1 long sleeved sweater, 1 pair socks, 2 helmets; Money raised, tea collections $40, suchre proceeds $21.00, poppies sold $36.00, scrap paper $14.30, donations $4.00; total $80.-70.

Both the United Church and Christ's Church have held their annual bazaar, the former in the R. E. building and the latter in the Town Hall. The usual displays of fancy work, aprons, home cooking and tuck tions, were in evidence and all were well patronized. Supper was served, and it, too, was well attended at both the gatherings.

Women's Institute Meeting

Mrs. Ed. Johnston opened her home to the members of the Women's Institute for the usual monthly meeting. Nineteen members and visitors were present. Owing to absence of the president, the first vice president, Mrs. Smith Gilmour, too the chair and opened in the usual way, with the Ode and Creed. After the usual routine business was transacted, Mrs. Harry Amey convener of war work took charge and presented a very instructive programme as follows: The motto: "Many hands make light work," was given by Mrs. F. W. Proctor. Readings on war work, and post war work were given by the following ladies, Mrs. T. Scanlin, Mrs. Manley Marshall, Mrs. Edna Mawley and Mrs. H. Amey. Mrs. S. Gilmour read a letter from Corpl. Earl Stratton, in the Netherlands. He told of a Dutch family and the way they stoodup to the horrors of war, and how calm they were at the time of a raid, he having witnessed the scene. A guitar selection by Vivian Donovan, also a quartette by Lillian Sedore, Jackie Donovan, Joyce Amey, and Vivian Donovan was enjoyed by all. The secretary reported $11.25 received at this meeting. The National Anthem c'osed the meeting after which lunch was served by the hostess and her committee.

W. A Officers Elected

The annual meeting of the Woman's Association of the United Church was held at the parsonage with a good attendance present. The president opened the meeting by all singing a Christmas carol and repeating the Lord's Prayer in unison. Rev. W. H. Baugh conducted the devotional part of the meeting, which consisted of a reading by Mrs. Baugh, prayer by the leader, and a most interesting questionnaire in regard to the work, belief, and importance of the church was conducted by Mr. Baugh. The secretary reported the sum of $156.67 collected for the food supper fund. The group leaders reported as follows: Mrs. H. J. Millar $79.00; Mrs. Thomas Milligan $130.20; Mrs. J. A. Brown $129.21; making a total of $329.41, raised by the three groups. The president reported that the oldest member of the W. A., Mrs. Nancy McKim had handed in $6.00 talent money for the year. $100.00 was voted to present to the Church Board also $15.00 to the Missionary and Maintenance Fund. The President offered her thanks to the members for their co-operation during the past year, and declared all offices vacant. Rev. W. H. Baugh took the chair and after complimenting the ladies upon their splendid year's work, proceeded to conduct the election of officers which resulted as follows:President, Mrs. J. E. Hoffman; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. T. Milligan; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. H. J. Millar; 3rd Vice-President, Mrs. Clarence Lochhead; Recording Secretary, Mrs. F. W. Proctor; Corr. Secretary, Mrs. Earl Bradshaw; Treasurer, Mrs. T. Milligan; Devotional Leader, Mrs. W. H. Baugh; Secretary for Temperance, Mrs. Stewart Gilmour. Assistants, Mrs. H. J. Millar and Mrs. C. Lochhead. Parsonage Committee, Mrs. Dan. Gilmore, Mrs. George Milligan, Mrs. J. A. Brown and Mrs. Robert Gilmour; Flower Committee, Mrs. S. Gilmour, Mrs. H. Armstrong, Miss Winnifred Steele and Miss Alice Marlin; Visiting Committee, Mrs. Dan. Gilmour, Mrs. Melburn Kirkpatrick, and Mrs B. Richardson; Pianists, Mrs. Pearl Rogers and Mrs. C. Lochhead; Publicity, Mrs. Earl Bradshaw. It was moved by Mrs. T. Milligan that each member be responsible for the quilting of two quilts during the next year. Moved by Mrs. C. Lochhead, seconded by Mrs. S. Stinson that the three group leaders be re-elected, namely, Mrs. T. Milligan, Mrs. Herb. Milligan and Mrs. Pearl Rogers. The meeting closed with the Mizpah benediction. Lunch was served by the hostess and her committee.

ENTERPRISE

(For Last Week)

Enterprise, Dec. 11. — The members of Enterprise Red Cross Unit held their annual bazaar in their work rooms at the I.O.O.F. Hall on Thursday afternoon and evening. Ideal weather prevailed and a large number attended. The home cooking table groaned with good things and the ladies in charge included Mrs. Henry Hartman, Mrs. Duncan Walker and Mrs. R. C. Covert who had a busy time. Popcorn balls and taffied app'es proved a popular attraction for the children and many of the adults as well, while home-made buttermilk and sweet cider were popular beverages. The fancy goods booth with Miss Leola Hudson, Mrs B. N. Sparks and Mrs. Wellington Coulter in charge held many articles of interest for men and women. Aprons, small, medium, large, fancy and plain were popular. Fancy work, feather pillows, sofa cushions men's socks, mitts, ties, etc. were for sale. Tea was served by Mrs. Roy Hartman, Mrs. Howard Holland and Mrs. Blanche Husband, with Mrs. George Fenwick, Sr., pouring tea. In the evening a euchre was held with a large crowd present. A hundred dollars will be realized from the afternoon's and evening's proceedings. Much of the success of the bazaar and tea is due to the president, Miss Blanche Husband, whose untiring efforts during the whole year have been outstanding. The workers though few in number, have accomplished a lot of work, including four complete layettes, and other work ready to be taken to Napanee. Over a hundred dollars' worth of linens, blankets, etc. were shipped to the Russian Fund in August. A large box of ditty bags were filled and shipped to the Navy League in October. A good sum was raised by selling tickets on the purebred Holstein calf donated by William Fenwick in July and on the whole, 1944 has been a very successful year for the unit.

Presentation to Mrs. H. A. Carscallen and Her Son, Douglas

The regular weekly practice of the Enterprise United Church choir was held in the church on Saturday evening and after the members gathered at the home of Mrs. H. A. Carscallen to wish her and her son, Douglas, bon voyage and many years of happiness in their new home in Kingston. After the usual felicitations and a game in old time costumes led by Marion Covert and Donald Kyle, the group was called to order and Mrs. G. A. Wagar read an address to Mrs. Carscallen expressing the gratitude of the choir members for the faithful services that she had rendered since red youth, especially to the choir and Mrs. Carscallen, was presented with an electric clock by Mrs. R. C. Covert. The younger members of the choir, Miss Eileen Milligan, Miss Vivian Vannest and Miss Erma Frair. Both Mrs. Carscallen and Douglas thanked the choir for their kind thoughts and splendid gift and invited all to visit them in their new home.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Wagar, G. A. Wagar and Lorne Wilson spent Monday in Belleville.

Mrs. R. C. Jackson is visiting her uncle and aunt, Rev. and Mrs. M. Partridge, Tamworth.

Lewis Wagar, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Wagar, has been a patient in Kingston General Hospital for the past week, suffering from infection in his hand.

ROBLIN

Roblin, Dec. 11 — A very successful afternoon tea and bazaar effectively made by the school children of Roblin was held in Roblin School on Friday afternoon. A musical program, conducted by Miss Dorothy Scott, teacher of music, opened the afternoon's program. Other items on the program were dialogues and readings. The proceeds, amounting to $23.00, is to be used for supplies for the pupils and the remainder to be given to the Red Cross. Much credit is due Mrs. Armstrong for her training of the pupils.

Mrs. James Richmond opened her home on Tuesday for the monthly meeting of the W. A. There was an attendance of 13 members and three visitors. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 27th, at the parsonage.

Mrs. Jane Doidge spent Thursday visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jay Doyle, Ebenezer.

Rev Roy Schamerhorn, of Madoc, visited his mother, Mrs. Naomi Schamerhorn, on Tuesday.

Mrs. Sam Smith is spending some time with Mrs. D. Lasher.

Mr. G. H. Brooks is with his parents at Hayburn for a few days.

Roblin, Dec. 18. — Mrs. Hubert McCracken met with a painful accident recently. While trying to help push their truck out of the snow her hand slipped and went through the headlight, cutting her arm severely at the wri st. Mrs. McCracken was taken to Napanee to a doctor, but had to go on to Kingston to have the cord sewn. She has been convalescing at the home of her brother, Mr. Bert Hughes, and is doing as well as can be expected.

Mrs. Phoebe Deline is spending the winter in Tamworth with her brother, Mr. Ed. Bradshaw, and daughter, Faye.

ADOLPHUSTOWN

Adolphustown, Dec. 18 — Rev. and Mrs. H. C. Secker entertained the members of the Guild at the rectory on Thursday afternoon last. It was the annual meeting and the election of officers took place, with the following being elected: President, Mrs. Fred Gallagher; Vice President, Mrs. Irvine Brooks; Treasurer, Mrs. Ray Allison; Secretary, Mrs. Wm. Punchard; Sick Committee, Mrs. Secker and Mrs. George Chalmers, and Sewing Committee, Mrs. Geo. Downey, Mrs. Bauder, and Mrs. McCormick.

Mrs. Kenneth Collins and daughter, Marianne, who have been with Mrs. Collins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Roblin, since Lieut. K. Collins went overseas, left on Friday for Nerin Bay, where they will spend the winter.

The Municipal Council met in the hall on Friday, December 15th, for their last meeting of the year. In the evening the School Board met at the home of the Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Wilson.

Mr. Richard Daverne left last week for Belleville, where he has a position for the winter months.

Mrs. Fred Wilson, who has been quite ill for the past two weeks is improving.

KALADAR

Kaladar, Dec. 18. — Old Man Winter has come, with lots of snow. Roads were blocked, and some side roads are not opened yet.

Miss Ethel Parks, who has been working in Napanee, is home until after Christmas.

The well drillers are at Kaladar digging a well for the planing mill of A. Smith's home from the hospital, and is gaining.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Tryon have moved home from Napanee, where they have been working for some time.

Mr. D. Thompson and wife, and Miss A. Parks, of Napanee, were visitors at Mr. Cole Parks' last Sunday.

Mr. Chas. Loomhour and son, Wallace, of Napanee, keep the north country well supplied with apples.

SELBY

Selby, Dec. 18 — Considerable interest was aroused in the village by a lone robin, which sought shelter in a Mountain Ash tree at Mr. Vernie Booth's on Tuesday and Wednesday last.

A number attended the Poultry Pair in Napanee again last week, and report fair prices.

There was a good attendance at the Sunday School Christmas concert on Friday evening, when a very enjoyable program was presented by members of the school and pupils of the various local School Sections. At the conclusion of the program, Santa Claus and Mrs. Santa Claus paid a call, extended greetings, and were deeply interested in the distribution of candy to the children.

Pte. Percy Rose and Mrs. Rose are enjoying a month's leave, during which time they are the guests of Mr. Rose's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Rose.

Mr. Fred Weese, who has been ill for the past few weeks, is improving slowly.

At the request of the Sunday School Superintendent, Mrs. Denison gave a brief report on Sunday morning of the meeting of the Temperance Federation, which was held in Trinity Church, Napanee, recently.

All the contestants participating in the National Temperance Study Course are requested to hand in their papers not later than December 29.

A Scene At Midnight

A poem written by Ferne Snider, a grade 10 pupil at the N.C.V.I. whose parents just recently moved to the Anderson district, near Melrose. Ferne has been attending Napanee Collegiate for two years and is about 14 years of age.

There once lived a poor little lonely mouse
Way out in a rickety shed
But when the snow began to fly
He shivered a trifle, and said,

"I must find a place for a warm little nest
Away from the ice and snow
For if I stay here and live in this shed
I'll surely freeze, I know.

And then he thought of a cozy house
He had heard of not far away
So he left that day to go to the house
And there, for the winter to stay.

All day he journeyed and then he came
To the house free from wind and storm
He was so tired he went right to sleep
In a little bed so warm.

The household was quiet and still as could be,
And the children were off to bed.
The toys in the box in the corner were sleeping,
And everything seemed quite dead.

But, as the clock struck twelve that night,
The mouse could sleep no more.
The box in the corner came to life
And the toys jumped out on the floor.

The mouse woke up with an awful start,
And peeked from his hole in the wall.
Maybe the home with the warm fires place
Wasn't so good after all.

And this is the story the mouse told me
Of the night that was funny to see
As he saw it through the hole in the wall
Here's how he told it to me.

The monkey was having a jolly time
As he swung from the tile window sill.
Some of the toys were already feated
That he would have a spill.

He was so brave a-swinging there,
But a, the story goes,
All at once he lost his grip
And fell and squashed his nose.

And ever since the monkey's nose
As you can plainly see
Is very flat, quite awful flat
As flat as it can be.

The old rag doll could hardly move,
Her one arm was not there.
But she was pretty with teeth so white,
And golden was her hair.

Ma bear and all the little bears
Were dancing on the mat
And the cat was playing the violin
While on the chair lie sat.

The elephant thought he would play a joke,
On the bear who was feeling so gay
So he filled up his trunk with water cold
Then let the water spray.

Some soldiers marched as if to war
With their guns and tanks and all.
And some they danced to the music fair
With a paper doll.

The rabbit stood too near the track
As round the train did go,
It cut the rabbit's tail right off
With nothing left to grow.

And to this day the rabbit's tail
Is very short you know
And all because that very night
The train forgot to blow.

The top spun gaily on the floor
And the ball bounced very high,
And right up to ceiling
Away the kite did fly.

The dog and many other toys
Had the greatest fun.
They danced and played all night
At last up came the sun.

And then the toys all took their place.
While the children were still asleep;
And when the children came to play
The toys made not a peep.

But the little mouse told the story to me.
I'm passing it on to you;
And if you don't believe it, well
That's up to you.

—Ferne Snider, 10A N.C.I.

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RED CROSS EUCHRE AND DANCE
In Centreville Hall, Friday night, December 29th. Euchre 8:30-10:00 p.m. Nolan's Orchestra. Door prize, $5.00. Proceeds in favor of Prisoners-of-War box. Admission 50c., lunch included. 51bp

CHRISTMAS DANCE
Marysville Parish Hall, on Tuesday, December 26th. Nolan's Orchestra. Refreshments. Admission, $1.00 per couple. 51ap

NAPANEE W. C. T. U.
Will not meet in December. 51anc

CAMDEN EAST DANCE
Memorial Hall, under auspices of the Woman's Guild, Thursday, December 28th. Nolan's Orchestra. Admission, 50 cents. 51ap

Salvage Collection Thursday, Dec. 21st

PAPER — RAGS — BOTTLES — FATS AND BONES. SAVE CHRISTMAS WRAPPINGS FOR JANUARY COLLECTION.

LAST POULTRY DAY HELD IN NAPANEE LAST THURSDAY

Bad road conditions prevented many poultry producers from marketing their fowl in Napanee last Thursday, the second and last Poultry Fair Day for this year.

A considerable quantity of chicken and fowl was brought in, but turkeys were scarce. It was estimated that between six and seven tons were sold in all. Wartime Prices and Trade Board representatives were present throughout the day informing producers as to the prices they could receive. The ceiling price on ungraded turkeys was 43c. Chickens sold from 25c to 30½c; fowl 25c to 27c.

Very few citizens of the town were able to purchase their Christmas turkeys as they were mostly sold to the dealers.

Local butchers have had a few turkeys to sell but the supply appears to be very limited.

Chicken and fowl are plentiful and on Saturday quite a few geese were sold on the market.

Trinity Sunday School Christmas Concert

There was a large attendance on Monday evening at the annual Christmas concert for the members of the Sunday school of Trinity United Ch., held in the schoolroom.

The programme was given by the members of the primary department and the junior members of the school and included choruses, recitations, drills, skits and solos. The arrival of Santa Claus was, as usual, the climax of the evening.

THE BEAVER SANTA CLAUS FUND

The Beaver Santa Claus Fund is indeed grateful for the many donations of cash and useful articles received so far this year.

Each day the list of beneficiaries of the fund grows, until now there are between 80 and 90 children who will receive Christmas gifts. The gifts include toys, clothing and candy, a Christmas basket containing groceries, vegetables and meat for a dinner.

It is no small matter to plan the buying, the packing and the distribution of so many baskets as it will be necessary to send out. Miss Josephine Leamy and her Committee of helpers are busy every day this week and the gifts will be sent out at the end of the week.

It is not too late to send in contributions. The money will be put to good use, and will be acknowledged in The Beaver.

Previously acknowledged — $41.50.
Received during the past week:

Mrs. W. Vandebogart	$1.00
Alderman	2.00
A Friend	1.50
Misses. Gandier	2.00
R. Sinclair — Goods.	
W. P. B.	2.00
Geo. C. Mills	2.00
Geo. Chalk	2.00
Geo. D. Robson	2.00
Trinity Church C.G.I.T.—Books Games and Dolls.	
A Friend	1.00
Miss Gandier's S.S. Class — 18 pairs knitted mittens.	
Miss. H. Fox	2.00
A Friend —2 pairs Mittens.	
Mrs. Hattie Sexsmith	2.00
Lieut. Carson Johnson, Western University, London	1.00
Mrs. Ross H. Paul	1.00
Lorne Wartman	1.00
Mrs. Angus Smith	2.00
Mrs. G.	1.00
J. M. Joyce	.50
Mrs. L. E. Dorsee	2.00
A Friend	2.00
Gertrude Metzler — Dolls Crib and Bedding.	
A Friend — Candy and Game.	
St. Mary Magdalene's Church-women's Guild, $10.00 to buy stockings and a large assortment of toys.	
Jas. McCormick, Switzerville — A bushel of Apples.	
Mrs. Marsh — 18 Stuffed Animals.	
W. J. Trenouth	5.00

BEAVER LATE NEXT WEEK

Owing to the holiday on Monday and Tuesday, The Beaver will not likely be issued next week until Friday.

Candlelight Service At Trinity Church Well Attended

The Candlelight Christmas Carol Service which was instituted in Trinity United Church several years ago by Rev. G. M. Chidley and which has been conducted annually since, was held last Sunday at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. It was attended by a large congregation of the members of the church and members of other churches in the town and district. Rev. F. D. Cameron, supply minister, was in charge of the service. The church was very effectively decorated with large evergreen trees and was lighted by dozens of candles.

The service was entirely choral and the music included numbers by the choir, under the direction of Mrs. J. E. Madden and several well Known Christmas carols sung by the choir and the congregation.

The choir numbers included anthems in which the solo parts were taken by Mrs. Harold Denison and Mr. Jack Caldwell, a ladies trio, a duet by Mrs. Rennie Switzer and Miss Adelina Cochrane, and a carol sung by the large junior choir, with Don. Smith singing the solo part.

Tribute was paid to Mrs. Madden by Mr. Cameron, for the beautiful choir music, which had required a great deal of time and effort to prepare.

Santa Claus Parade Attracts Children

A large number of children, and many adults, were in evidence on the Napanee streets last Saturday morning for the Santa Claus Parade, which was sponsored by the Retail Merchants' Association.

The parade formed at the Armouries and after travelling over the main downtown streets, reached the Granada Theatre, where the children were admitted free of charge for a special show.

Santa Claus, seated on a large sleigh, was surrounded by children and in the procession following were clowns, several large animals, tiny ponies drawing small carts, Little Red Riding Hood, pages, and other young people in fancy costume.

The parade was headed by the police car and the R.C.A.F. sound truck.

Read Classified Advts

NAZI COUNTER OFFENSIVE BREAKS 18 MILES INTO BELGIUM

New Secret V-Weapon Being Used

WEDNESDAY—

The United States First Army reached the Roer River and fought within two miles of Duren. The United States Third and Seventh Armies at the central gateway to the Rhineland, advanced through the last German resistance in north-eastern France to within a mile to twelve miles of the enemy frontier on a 50-mile front.

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The Russians were said to be fighting in the suburbs of Budapest.

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In Italy Canadian troops were credited with establishing a bridgehead on the west bank of Lamone River.

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The Japs were reported to be evacuating Tokio of all but essential defense personnel.

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THURSDAY—

The United States First Army battled toward the Rhine in a new offensive south of the Hurtgen Forest. The United States Third Army fought deeper into the Siegfried Line in Saarland.

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There was very little activity on the British and Canadian sectors of the Western Front.

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In Italy the Canadians established and joined two bridgeheads on the west bank of the Lamone River.

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The Russians were reported pushing into Budapest and were massing artillery in close formation at the northern and southern outskirts.

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The R. A. F. bombed Essen earlier in the week.

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The Chinese were pushing ahead in Kwangsi Province in pursuit of the Jap troops they had driven from Kweichow.

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A large fleet of Superfortresses based in Saipan bombed Nagoya, one of the most important industrial centres in Japan.

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FRIDAY—

The United States Seventh Army advanced almost to Germany's border at two points on a sector about ten miles from the big German city of Karlsruhe. The United States First and Ninth Armies extended their holdings on the Roer River bank to a front of fifteen miles.

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A furious battle for Budapest was said to be in progress. The Russians were pouring shells into the city and were said to have more than 1,000,000 men engaged on a front of 250 miles in Hungary.

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Canadian troops after breaking through the enemy's defenses on the Lamone River, pushed forward toward the centre of the Po Valley.

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The Chinese continued to push eastward into Kwangsi Province and the United States Air Force was following up to re - establish bases abandoned by the fleeing Japs.

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Chinese troops took the town of Tonkwa 120 miles north of Mandalay, in Burma.

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SATURDAY—

The United States Seventh Army, which four months ago invaded France by way of the Mediterranean, drove three spearheads into Germany in the industrial Palatinate area and was the sixth Allied Force to cross into Germany.

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The Russian Army invaded Slovakia on Friday, crossing the frontier 34 miles northwest of Budapest. The operation was aimed at cutting off German troops in eastern Slovakia and opening up the way to Vienna, 115 miles west.

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United States forces successfully invaded Mindoro, 100 miles northwest of Leyte in the Philippines. Invasion of the island splits the Philippines in two and opens a corridor to the China coast.

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The British opened a smashing drive in Burma to capture the important west coast port of Akyab.

MONDAY—

The German army reinvaded Belgium and Luxembourg on Sunday in its first major counter-offensive since 'D' Day. Striking with tanks and artillery, the Nazis drove an armored spearhead into United States lines south of Monschau, sixteen miles southeast of Aachen.

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United States Third Army troops reached Gershein, a Saar basin town near Saargeminesg and the United States Seventh Army captured a French border town and a German town.

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Eighth Army troops in Italy captured Faenza in Italy and further north Canadian troops expanded their bridgehead.

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United States troops on Mindoro Island in the Phillipines, pushed inland from seven to nine miles on a broad front.

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Allied troops in Burma were reported nearing Mandalay.

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TUESDAY—

The Germans in their offensive against the United States First and Ninth Armies advanced eighteen miles across the Belgian frontier. Allied lines were being bombarded by a new V weapon. The United States armies knocked out 83 enemy tanks and damaged 26 others, besides 263 enemy transport vehicles.

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There was very little activity in Italy.

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In Hungary the Russians continued their bombardment of Budapest.

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Burma's scattered fronts have been consolidated into one continuous line.

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United States Superfortresses bombed the aircraft factory at Nagoya, Japan. During the past week 740 Jap planes were destroyed.

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United States planes raised in British dropped 2,000 tons of bombs on the Rhine railheads of Cologne, Coblenz and Mainz.

Saturday's Market

Geese	about $3 to $4 each
Ducks	$2 each
Fowl	25c lb.
Chicken	35c lb.
Eggs	30c, 35c and 40c doz.
Pork by quarter	22c and 25c lb.
Headcheese	30c lb.
Pressed Chicken	45c lb.

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CORRESPONDENTS' NOTICE

Owing to the late arrivals of mail a great deal of correspondence did not reach The Beaver in time for insertion in this week's issue.

In Loving Memory

McQUAY — In loving memory of Mrs. E. McQuay, who passed away December 21st, 1937.
Somewhere back of the sunset,
Where loveliness never dies;
She lives in the land of glory
With the blue and gold of the skies.
And we who have known and loved her
Whose departure has brought sad tears,
Will cherish her memory always,
To brighten the passing years.
Ever remembered by her
51a FATHER and MOTHER

LUCAS — In loving memory of a dear father, James Lucas, who passed away December 13th, 1939.
Memories of one so dear
Often bring a silent tear;
Thoughts return to times long past,
Years roll by, but memories last.
Remembered by Daughter and Son-in law.
51ap GLADYS, TOM & FAMILY

ALLEN — In loving memory of my dear second son C-49651 Pte. William Gordon Allen, who was killed in action in Italy on December 31, 1943.
In memory of one with whom
Our paths have had to part—
Who yet is never far from us
But always close in heart;
Whose cherished memory lives on
To comfort us to-day.
And keep that dear one in our thoughts
Each step along life's way!
His mother.
51ap MRS. J. N. BEATTIE

DOWDLE — In loving memory of our baby, Beverley Ellen Dowdle, who left us December 17th, 1943.
In our home she is fondly remembered
Sweet memories cling to her name,
Those who loved her in life sincerely
Still love her in death just the same.
51ap MOTHER and DADDY

GOOD CLINIC HELD DESPITE WEATHER

The December Blood Donor Clinic held on Thursday, the 14th, was very successful considering the road conditions in the county.

Many donors from the country advised they could not get in, but would come in January.

You, too, can start the New Year right, by giving new life to some fighting lad who without a transfusion, will surely die.

A large part of our patriotism can be sent in a small part of your blood — an amount you won't miss.

An examination of your blood is given every donor at every clinic.

The list of donors, follows:

First Donation— Mrs. P. B. Elliott, Curtis Allen, George Pringle.

Second Donation— Donald Elliott, A. V. Roe, Eldon Miller.

Third Donation — Miss Barbara Caldwell, Blake Allen.

Fourth Donation — Hugh Jaynes, Mrs. Adam Prinken, Mrs. Tressa Lee, Mrs. Minnie Wilson.

Fifth Donation — Hobert Empey, Mrs. Elsie Howie, Miss Florence Thompson, Mrs. Jean Oliver, Mrs. Sheldon Calver, Henry Schermerhorn and Robert Milling.

Sixth Donation — Miss Florence Lasher, Miss Helen Pretts, Ernest Alderson, Miss E. E. Miller, Mrs. C. B. Creighton.

Seventh Donation — Mrs. Arthur Gladden, Mrs. Claude Knight, Mrs. Stella Bentley, Mrs. George Robinson, Lyall Martin, Dorland P. Wood.

Eighth Donation — Mrs. Pearl Denison, Robert J. Walsh, Walter Deck, Fred Gillotte.

Ninth Donation — Mrs. Jennie Hagerman, Mrs. Eleanor Sinclair, Adrian Miller, Mrs. George Moore, Arnold Rogers, Angus Macdonnel, Frank Clarke.

Tenth Donation—George Smith.

Eleventh Donation—Basil Ballance, Mrs. Robert Empey, Mrs. Margaret Boothe, Percy Rose, Meredith Wilson.

Thirteenth Donation—Mrs. W. R. Coates, Victor Drew.

Fourteenth Donation—Percy Asselstine.

Fifteenth Donation — Mrs. Eva Thompson, Okel Drew.

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PERSONALS

It is the desire of the publishers that all should take an interest in this column of "The Beaver." If you have friends visiting you, or are going away for a trip, leave word or send the information on a Post Card.

Miss Marion Miller is spending the Christmas holiday in New York City.

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Mrs. Herbert Daly will spend Christmas in Toronto.

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Mrs. Donald C. Macnaughton leaves to-day (Wednesday) for Montreal, where she will be the guest for Christmas of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Macnaughton.

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Mrs. Lorie Lichty arrived in town on Saturday, from Truro, N.S., to spend the winter with her mother, Mrs. F. S. Boyce.

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Mrs. William Burns left on Saturday to spend several weeks with her nephew and niece, in Freeport, Long Island.

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Miss Blanche Hawley left on Tuesday for Niagara Falls, N.Y., where she will spend the holiday season with her uncle and aunt, Dr. and Mrs. N. Lucas Price.

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Miss Jean Chidley, of Hamilton, and Mr. Fred Chidley, of Toronto University, will spend Christmas holidays with their parents, Rev. G. M. and Mrs. Chidley.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Smith left on Monday to spend Christmas and the New Year with their two sons, Dr. Morley L. Smith and Garfield W. Smith, Long Island, N.Y.

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Mrs. May Reid, of Montreal, is spending Christmas with her mother, Mrs. A. F. Reid.

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Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hudgin and little daughter, Edith Margaret, are leaving this week to spend Christmas with friends in Toronto.

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Flying Officer Gregory Gilberg of Australia, at present with the R. C. A. F. in Calgary, will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Blakely and family for the Christmas holiday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Vernie Booth and daughter, Thelma, expect to motor to Oshawa on Saturday, December 23rd, and Mrs. J. E. Hudgin is accompanying them, and plans to spend some time with her son, Corporal Leonard Hudgin, and Mrs. Hudgin.

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Mrs. Harry Pearson received birthday greetings from her son, Gnr. Arthur Pearson, who has been a patient in hospital in Italy since October. Gnr. Pearson has been overseas four years.

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Miss Margaterite E. Patterson, of Chittenango, Mexico, Patrol, has arrived home to spend the Christmas season with her family.

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Mrs. Christian Hagan and Mrs. Finney, of Morrisburg, were recent guests of Mrs. G. H. Challies.

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Lady Falconer, of Toronto, is the guest of her sisters, the Misses Gander.

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Mrs. T. D. Smith went to New York last week to visit her sister, Miss Helen Herrington, before Miss Herrington's departure for India.

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Lieut. and Mrs. R. Thompson of Toronto, will be Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lake Young, Napanee.

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Misses Jean and Betty Huffman returned home, after spending a few days in Toronto with Mr. and Mrs. Ward Huffman.

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Miss Alice Craig leaves today for Midland, where she will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs Ed F. Joshua for the Christmas holidays.

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Mrs. J. Scott MacDonald of St. John's, Newfoundland, and Miss Muriel Wilson, of Toronto, will be the holiday guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson, Strathcona, and sister, Mrs. Percy Asselstine, and Mr. Asselstine, Napanee.

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Capt. J. A. Egan, Petawawa, is spending Christmas in town with Mrs. Egan.

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Mrs. Margaret White, Peterboro, and Mlle Mathilde Laure Riese, of Toronto University, will be Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Doughs.

BIRTHS

GAUT — At Kingston General Hospital, on Sunday, December 10th, 1944, to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Gaut, a son, Dwight Orton.

DEATHS

RITCHIE — Entered into rest, at Moscow on Wednesday December 13th, 1944, Howard Ritchie, in his 84th year.

NEELY Entered into rest at Napanee on Monday, December 18th, 1944, Keith Augusta Osborne beloved widow of the late Henry Neely, in her 49th year.

Heaviest Mail at Napanee P.O. Monday

Mr. J. B. Allison, postmaster at Napanee, stated on Tuesday that on Monday of this week the local office did the largest day's business in its history. More stamps were sold than ever before on one day and the largest mail ever sent out was dispatched through the day, with a good deal left over for mailing the next day.

All through the day there were queues of considerable length lined up at the wickets.

MORE DETAILS GIVEN BY PREMIER DREW RE EDUCATION GRANTS

Scool Boards Will Receive Varying Amounts

Premier Drew of Ontario announced last week that notices will be sent out by the Department of Education to the 5,627 school boards in the province, outlining details of the plan under which 50 per cent. of the gross cost of education in Ontario will be borne by the Provincial Government.

Speaking over a provincial network of the CBC, Mr. Drew said the plan is based upon the fundamental principle that every child should receive equal educational opportunity as far as that is possible and recognizes strictly the legal status of all Ontario schools.

The premier reviewed the 22 points programme the Progressive Conservative Party placed before the electors prior to the election in August, 1943, and said that 'in nearly every detail we have put our programme in effect."

"I would like to point out further," he said, "that we have not stopped at the limits of the program we outlined."

"We have, for instance, taken the lead in the educational rehabilitation of veterans returning to Ontario . . . given special courses under the Ontario Department of Education for those veterans who require instruction before taking their vocational training . . . opened a guidance centre for returning veterans."

The plan whereby the government assumes 50 per cent of the total cost of education "will do away with the necessity for assisted grants," Mr. Drew said after outlining a summary of the general system under which this will be done.

"Cities, towns and villages, will receive a percentage of the board's operating costs for the past calendar year, depending upon the population of the urban centre. The percentage will vary from 30 per cent in the case of the larger cities to 60 per cent in the smaller urban communities.

"In the case of rural schools, the boards will receive a percentage of the operating costs for the past calendar year, varying from a minimum of 50 per cent up to a maximum of 90 per cent, depending upon the equalized assessment per classroom," he said.

All-Canadian Contest For Boy and Girl Calf Club Members

Announcement has been made that the Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada will again this year sponsor a special Judging Contest amongst Calf Club members throughout the Dominion, in connection with the All-Canadian Selections of Holstein cattle. Prizes amounting to $100 in War Savings Stamps are being offered to the winners. The contest is open to all boys and girls who are this year showing Holstein calves in their Clubs.

From amongst the animals nominated for All-Canadian consideration, a committee of judges will select up to six in each class. Photos of these selections will be published in the December issue of the Holstein-Friesian Journal. From these pictures a committee consisting of the judges at the major shows throughout the Dominion, will choose an All-Canadian and a Reserve All-Canadian in each class.

From the published photographs, the competing boys and girls must designate their choice for All-Canadian and Reserve All-Canadian in each class. Points will be awarded for each decision that agrees with the official version and the prizes will be awarded on the basis of the total points scored.

NAZI COUNTER-PUSH NEAR ?

BL DeWITT MACKENZIE

Word from London that Germany is reported getting set to launch a counter-offensive in 1945 means—if the report is substantiated—that she has real hopes of standing off for a considerable period any wholesale Allied invasion.

It must be admitted that the way the tides of fortune have been favoring the enemy on the Western Front provides some basis for their hope that they may be able to continue their delaying actions for a time. Foul weather, floods and mud —plus Allied transportation problems —have done for the Germans what their military skill couldn't have done with the badly knocked-about war machine at their disposal.

Naturally the longer the Germans are able to keep an all-out Allied offensive from maturing, the better will their chances of getting ready for a counter-b'ow in the new year. More young school-boys will have got big enough and strong enough to be flung into Hitler's melting-pot —for mere children are dying for Hitler these days. Vital supplies like synthetic oil and gasoline may be replenished somewhat.

Now, of course there are counter-offensives and counter - offensives, and we shouldn't assume that the Germans contemplate a mere strafe with ground forces. As a matter of fact I don't believe they can have that in mind for it would be futile against the vastly superior armies opposing them.

The reports received in London from many sources seem to concern the developments of 'secret' weapons —improved flying bombs and rocket bombs and a submarine equipped with radical new devices for under water breathing. This leads to the thought that the projected counter-drive will involve largely about these inventions. In other words it will be a last-ditch resort-of-desperation which they even hope to make effective in some degree against North America.

The V-bombs are being used regularly against Britain and points on the continent—the vastly important Allied port of Antwerp, for instance. London announced that these bombs killed 716 people and seriously injured 1,311 in the United Kingdom during November.

The Germans boast that improved bombs will be ready for use in the immediate future. In fact they claim that the V-3 can be sent against New York City before this year is out.

There's no argument about the submarine device for the Allies know it has been developed. President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill in their joint statement about submarine activity in November say "improved types of U-boats may at any time be thrown into the battle and retention of our present command of the sea will undoubtedly call for unremitting vigilance and hard fighting."

The Nazis have carried their manufacture of bombs underground, so that it's hard to reach the factories with bombing. They also have developed a system of launching the bombs from portable platforms which are here today and gone tomorrow, making it difficult for the Allied airmen to spot them. Of course the idea of a German counter-offensive is still a brain-child. Whether it comes off in the event of its success, depends on the development of the Allied offensives both in Western and Eastern Europe. A stretch of fair and cold weather, to clear the skies for flying and freeze the earth for military movement, might easily knock the Nazi dream into a cocked hat.

It behooves us to remember; however, that the German is still, dangerous.

THE 'Stab In The Back' THEORY

It is certainly not unnatural to expect that the people of a country which has unnecessarily launched an aggressive war, and been soundly beaten in consequence, might hesitate to make the same mistake again. But the world saw nevertheless that Germany did exactly that in 1939, despite the lesson of 1918; and it has become clear that some of the factors were which prevented Germany from deriving from the first disastrous experience, the warning which might have deterred her from the second.

There is now general agreement that one of those factors was the legend of 'the stab in the back carefully propagated by the German militarists who even in 1918, were preparing for the resumption of warfare in 1939. Today German leaders, faced once more with defeat, are also attempting once more to prepare Germany psychologically to accept a third attempt to reverse the decision

Once again, Germans are beginning to hear that they are losing now not because they have really suffered military defeat, but because they are succumbing to a stab in the back.

Once again they are being led into the belief that they could have won if they had not been betrayed and there'ore, to draw the conclusion that the next attempt, if only traitors can be eliminated, may finally be successful.

The attempt to explain defeat away again in order that the result of Germany's second aggression may not discourage her people from permitting a third, has been undertaken first of all by Dr. Robert Ley, the Labor Front head, who seems to be the Number One spoke-man for this thesis. In a recent article Ley went all the way back to 'the stab in the back' argument of the last war in order to apply the same reasoning to this one. The 'stab in the back' theory, he pointed out, was not invented by the Nazis but antedated them; and just as the German forces were never defeated in the last war but were betrayed by reactionary politicians' so the 'grave military and political reverses' which Germany is suffering now Ley made no attempt to minimize them are entirely due to treachery, which reached its climax in the attempt on Hitler's life.

"Without internal and external treachery," Ley insisted, "We would have settled the enemy long ago."

Starting from his thesis, Ley explains one after another of German arms reverses by other means than the admission of simple military defeat. Italy is the chief scapegoat. French treachery accounted for the loss of Tunisia, but the Italians were the culprits in Libya, Sicily, Italy.

If the Italians had done their duty, Ley insisted, Egypt, Suez and the Near East would have been conquered.

In which case, one might wonder, would Berlin have allotted the credit for success to Rome? Victor Emmanuel and Badoglio never entered as having from the beginning sabotaged the efforts of the Italian Army and Navy in his or fiction which is improved for German propaganda use by the acceptance of those two worthies by the Allies.

Even Stalingrad, it appears, was lost by the fault of the Italians — though the number of Italian troops in comparison with the German strength was negligible. None the less Ley explains that the treachery of Italian troops, acting under orders from Badoglio, started the rout at Stalingrad; and the continuation of the process was due to the treacherous generals who have subsequently turned up in the Free Germany committee in Moscow.

The true provincial daily, for instance, says that Churchill would not have dared attempt the invasion of Normandy if America's part in that action is casually ignored; if he had not known in advance of the plan to assassinate Hitler, which was circ ceded by acts of sabotage which made the invasion possible.

The second Soviet breakthrough on the central sector was due, we learn from the same paper continues, was a direct result of the July 20 attack on Hitler.

Thus the old theme — the one which lured the German people, like the children of Hamelin the Pied Piper into a second disaster — is being sounded again For the moment, it is of secondary importance whether the theory of 'the stab in the back' is receiving immediate acceptance for the second time among the German people (though there are reasons for believing that it is). What is of first importance is that once again there is an organized German attempt to prevent defeat from teaching the salutary lesson which should be derived from it; that once again German leaders are demonstrating the consistent tendency of German thinking to regard a war as only one incident in a continuous historical process, whose end, whether successful or not, provides only the occasion for planning its resumption; 'that once again they are refusing to accept the decision of battle and are preparing the attempt to reverse it.

The important thing for the Allies is to understand that their enemies, even in defeat, are not going to concede that the war is over and the argument settled.

The important thing is that they should realize that until Germany is made to concede that fact, the danger for them is not slight.

It is the will to fight again which must be eradicated in Germany even if the immediate means for the means.

For even if the means exist, they will not be employed without the will; but where the will exists, the means, sooner or later, will be found, whatever precautions are taken to prevent it. Where there's a will there is a way.

Wife: I went in to a bargain sale today. Husband: Did you see anything that looked real cheap? Wife: Yes, several men waiting for their wives.

As a result of rationing, bacon may disappear from the English breakfast table. — It always did!

MAJOR W. F. SHARON AWARDED M. C.

Mrs. W. F. Sharon, formerly Marion Thompson, who resides in Napanee, has received word that her husband, Major W. F. Sharon, R.C.E., has been awarded the Military Cross.

Major Sharon is a graduate of Queen's University and the Royal Military College, Kingston. He has been overseas for sixteen months and for some time recently has been in Holland, in command of a Canadian Field squadron.

Mrs. Sharon and two sons reside on Bridge Street west, in Napanee.

New Ambassador to Washington, Grandson Of Trinity Minister

Many Napanee people will be interested in the appointment of L. B. (Mike) Pearson, as Canadian Ambassador to Washington, which was announced on Monday.

Mr. Pearson is a grandson of Rev. Marmaduke Pearson, who was minister of Trinity United Church from 1882 to 1885. His father, Ed. Pearson, attended Napanee schools and will be well remembered by some of the older people of the town.

Mr. Pearson was a member of the University of Toronto staff before he joined the External Affairs Department in 1928. He was transferred to the office of High Commissioner for Canada in London in 1935 and became counsellor there in 1939. In 1941 he returned to Ottawa to be Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs and in the following year went to Washington.

In September he was elected chairman of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration council meeting in Montreal. He is popularly known as "Mike"

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Czechoslovak Unity Cemented

BY WILLIAM J. HUMPHREY

Members of a military and political delegation from the Slovak National Council have reported to President Edvard Benes in London that the timely arrival of Czech fighter pilots in planes furnished by the Red Army, the uprising staged in the capital in August might have been turned out of existence by the Germans.

Dr. Benes who arrived in London Friday to report to the exiled government here said that members of German SS units in Banska Bystrica, capital of liberal Slovakia, had almost accomplished the spirit of revolt. But the Czech fliers, who had been trained in Great Britain before being shifted to Russian airfields, arrived in such decisive numbers that Allied freedom of the air is now complete over our liberated territory.

The arrival of the delegates here put a passionate emphasis upon the determination of this territory, which was strongly separatistic in the prewar days, to return to the Czecho-Slovak Republic.

The second manifesto of the Slovak National Council, now in London, says that the liberation movement of Slovakia will proceed in accordance in complete agreement with the Czecho-Slovak liberation movement abroad," and concludes with the words: Glory to the Czecho-Slovak Republic.

From these quotations together with fact that the Slovak Forces of the interior, of the underground army, have sworn allegiance to the Czecho-Slovak Republic it can readily be seen that the basic political programme of the Slovaks is well in line with the reconstruction policies of Benes.

There is not the slightest chance that Hitler's lastrix will again fall into Nazi hands the Slovak delegation assured the government in London. While it seem d likely that Banska Bystrica might have been another premature Warsaw in the early stages of the uprising, the arrival of the Czech pilots, and the dropping of ammunition by British and American bombers from Italy and by Soviet bombers from Rumanian bases established the success beyond all doubt.

For the most part the contribution of the Slovak liberation movement, according to the delegates, was the severing of the important railway between Rumania and Poland as it passes through the great Slovak Massif. This compelled the Nazis to re-route all traffic through Budapest where their welcome also is now reported to have worn thin.

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PROCLAMATION!

Under and by virtue of authority vested in me as Mayor of the Municipality of Napanee, I hereby proclaim

TUESDAY, DEC'R 26th, 1944

(Boxing Day)

A CIVIC HOLIDAY

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DUANE ROBERT HALL, Mayor.

"GOD SAVE THE KING"

Dated, December 12, 1944. 50b

NOTICE

A public meeting of the Electors of the Municipality of South Fredericksburgh, in the County of Lennox and Addington, will be held in the Town Hall, South Fredericksburgh,

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22nd, 1944

at the hour of 1:00 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of nominating a Reeve, and four Councillors to represent the said Township for the year 1945.

Also for the purpose of nominating three members of the Board of Education for 1945.

In case more than the above candidates are nominated, then an Election will be held on Monday, January 1st, 1945, commencing at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and continuing until five o'clock in the afternoon.

Dated at Conway, this 12th day of December, 1944.

MAURICE H. YOUNG, Township Clerk.

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NOTICE

A public meeting of the Electors of the Municipality of North Fredericksburgh, in the County of Lennox and Addington, will be held in the Town Hall, North Fredericksburgh, on

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22nd, 1944

at the hour of 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of nominating a Reeve and four Councillors, to represent the said Township for the year 1945, and also two School Trustees to represent the Township School Area.

In case more than the above candidates are nominated, then an Election will be held on Monday, January 1st, 1945, commencing at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and continuing until five o'clock in the afternoon.

Dated at North Fredericksburgh, this 13th day of December, 1944.

LEONARD T. PARKS, Township Clerk.

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NOTICE

A public meeting of the Electors of the Municipality of Newburgh, in the County of Lennox and Addington, will be held in the Town Hall, Newburgh, on

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22nd, 1944

at the hour of 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of nominating a Reeve and four Councillors to represent the said Village for the year 1945.

In case more than the above candidates are nominated, then an Election will be held on Monday, January 1st, 1945, commencing at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and continuing until five o'clock in the afternoon.

Dated at Newburgh, this 12th day of December, 1944.

ERNEST E. McQUAY, Village Clerk.

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AUCTION SALES REGISTER

POSTPONED

E. J. Courneya will sell by public auction for Ed. Sexsmith, on the Indian Reserve, one mile east of Shannonville, on old York Road, on Friday, December 22nd, at 12:30 p.m. farm stock, crop, implements and household effects, including 5 horses, 6 Holstein cows, 2 Holstein bulls, binder, rake, drill, cultivator, harrow, sleighs, wagons, plows, harness, tomato crates, 20 bags potatoes, quantity apples, 18 tons hay, range cook stove, small kitchen stove, 2 beds, springs and mattresses, extension table, drop-leaf table, Singer sewing machine, 2 occasional rugs, chairs, dishes, kitchen utensils, etc. Terms cash. 48bnc

H. Bruce Snider will sell by public auction for the Executors of the Kitson property, 3 miles north of Verona on the Craig Road, on Thursday, January 4th, at 10:00 a.m., farm stock, crop and implements, including 11 Durham milch cows, grey mare, black mare, black mare with foal, 11 Southdown sheep, 6 geese, binder, mower, Deering hay rake, manure spreader, harrow, sleighs, cutters, sheep shears, harness, sap pan and buckets, blacksmith's tools, 72 tons hay, 3 stacks hay, 3 bus. grass seed, 175 bus. oats, 40 bags potatoes, stoves, wood, shingles, kitchen range, 2 box stoves, and other household furniture. Terms cash.

At 2:00 p.m. two farms will be sold, 100 acres in Township of Portland, with house, barn and blacksmith shop equipped with running water; and a farm consisting of 60 acres in the Township of Hinchinbrook, with good barn 30x40. Terms: 10 per cent. day of sale, balance in 30 days. Lunch will not be served owing to food rationing. 51bnc

NOTICE

A public meeting of the Electors of the Municipality of Ernestown, in the County of Lennox and Addington, will be held in the Town Hall, Odessa, on

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22nd, 1944

at the hour of 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of nominating a Reeve Deputy Reeve, and three Councillors to represent the said Township for the year 1945.

In case more than the above candidates are nominated, then an Election will be held on Monday, January 1st, 1945, commencing at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and continuing until five o'clock in the afternoon.

Dated at Odessa, this 12th day of December, 1944.

W. C. SNIDER, Township Clerk.

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NOMINATION MEETINGS

NOTICE

A public meeting of the Electors of the Municipality of Camden, in the County of Lennox and Addington, will be held in the Town Hall Centreville, on

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22nd, 1944

at the hour of 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of nominating a Reeve, Deputy Reeve, and three Councillors, to represent the said Township for the year 1945.

Also nominations for three Trustees for each of the following School Areas: No. 1, Camden, comprising School Sections Nos. 4, 20, 21, 24 and 32; No. 2, Camden, comprising School Sections Nos. 3, 5, 6, 7, and 10 and 11; No. 3, Camden, comprising School Sections Nos. 12, 14, 16, 17, and 18.

In case more than the above candidates are nominated, then an Election will be held on Monday, January 1st, 1945, commencing at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and continuing until five o'clock in the afternoon.

Dated at Centreville, this 12th day of December, 1944.

J. ROSS HANNA, Township Clerk.

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NOTICE

Subject to Section 65, Chapter 266, R.S.O., 1937, a public meeting of the Electors of the Municipality of Richmond, in the County of Lennox and Addington, will be held in the Town Hall, Selby, on

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22nd, 1944

at the hour of 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of nominating a Reeve and four Councillors to represent the said Township for the year 1945, and two Trustees for Public School Area Richmond North and Three Trustees for Public School Area Richmond Centre.

In case more than the above candidates are nominated, then an Election will be held on Monday, January 1st, 1945, commencing at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and continuing until five o'clock in the afternoon.

Dated at Selby, this 12th day of December, 1944.

A. C. TUMMON, Township Clerk and Returning Officer.

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NOTICE

A public meeting of the Electors of the Municipality of Adolphustown, in the County of Lennox and Addington, will be held in the Town Hall, Adolphustown, on

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22nd, 1944

at the hour of 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of nominating a Reeve and four Councillors to represent the said Township for the year 1945.

Also three School Trustees in Township School Area of S. S. No. 1, 2, 3.

In case more than the above candidates are nominated, then an Election will be held on Monday, January 1st, 1945, commencing at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and continuing until five o'clock in the afternoon.

Dated at Dorland, this 12th day of December, 1944.

A. C. DAVIS, Township Clerk.

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V. O. N. NEWS

DECEMBER MEETING

The December meeting of the V. O. N. was an open meeting. Mrs. T. Hunt ,the president, opened the meeting with prayer. The secretary Mrs. W. S. Phippen read the minutes of the last meeting. The treasurer, Mrs. A. B. Medd, read her report.

Mrs. Olga Reed, V. O. N. nurse, gave her report for November.

It was decided to hold the Bridge Marathon again this year, and Mrs. George Paul and her committee will be in charge of it.

Miss Mary Morrison, our regular V. O. N. nurse who recently underwent a serious operation, has been allowed to leave the hospital, and return to her parents' home in Kingston.

After the business part of the meeting was concluded, Mrs. Alex. MacGregor and Mrs. A. E. Lewis, church representatives on the Board, from Grace Church, took charge. Mrs. MacGregor was in charge of the programme which followed and Mrs. Lewis was in charge of the refreshments.

Mrs. MacGregor had decorated the room with evergreens and baskets of Christmas flowers. She told the beautiful story of The Other Wise Man by Henry VanDyke and at appropriate points in the story, all members joined in singing Christmas carols, accompanied by Mrs. Cameron Wilson on her violin.

Mrs. Lewis had the following ladies from Grace Church on her committee: Mrs. Frank Correll, Mrs. Percy Vine, Mrs. Gerald Smith, Mrs. S. Booth, Miss O. Hambly.

Mrs. Harry Vine, Mrs. W. Barrett, Mrs. Clarence Reid, Mrs. O. Reddick, vice-president, also assisted Mrs. C. D. McLellan presided at the tea table.

The annual meeting and election of officers will be held in January.

Nursing Report for November

The following is the report of the nursing activities for the month of November:

Thirty one cases were carried with a total of 103 visits. Eighty-eight of these were nursing care, while the remaining fifteen were instructional.

There were four well-baby conferences held, with a total of 48 babies.

During the month 37½ hours were spent in the schools. It gives me a great deal of pleasure to report the absence of both contagious and infectious diseases of any kind.

Two supervisors have visited the district during November, Miss Dawson, who was present at our last meeting, from Ottawa, and also Miss Johnson, from the Ontario Department of Health.

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ADDRESS AND PRESENTATION TO CORPL. AND MRS McILROY AT STRATHCONA

A pleasant evening was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Uens, when a large number of friends and neighbours, gathered at their home on Friday night and presented Corpl. H. E. McIlroy, RCAF and Mrs McIlroy, nee Violet Uens, with a shower. Mrs. R. Arkley read the address, and Mr. M. Withers presented them with a purse of money.

Mr. and Mrs. McIlroy replied, expressing thanks for the gift.

Lunch was served and all left wishing Mr and Mrs. McIlroy many years of happy wedded life.

Following is the address:

Mr. and Mrs. McIlroy:

It is a pleasure we trust to your lives that has occasioned this gathering tonight. We are pleased to be with you, to wish you every success and happiness in the years to come.

To you Mr McIlroy we extend our congratulations on your choice of a life partner. Violet, though only spending her school days in our community, has through her happy and agreeable nature made many friends.

We regret that war has, for you as for many, broken up the possibility of a home at present, but in the words of the poet who said: "The men of the earth build houses with walls and chambers, roots and domes, but the women of the earth God bless them, the women build the homes."

So we feel when the opportunity comes, you, Violet, will make a home in the true sense of the word.

Kindly accept this purse as a token of our friendship and a remembrance of your —

Strathcona Freinds.

HAWLEY W. A.

The annual business meeting of the United Church Woman's Association was held at the home of Mrs. J. L. Smith, with an average attendance. The president, Mrs. S. Parks, was in the chair. The president called for the yearly reports of the treasurer, secretary and flower committee which were presented. The treasurer reported a balance on hand. The secretary's report showed a membership of twenty, with average attendance of 10. The bazaar committee reported a very successful event realizing the sum of $145.

Rev. Mr. Robinson presided for the election of officers, which resulted as follows: President, Mrs. B. Cuthill, 1st vice-pres., Mrs. Guy Huycke; 2nd vice-pres., Mrs. J. L. Smith; secretary, Mrs. H. Hudson; treasurer, Mrs. J. L. Smith, devotional committee, Mrs. Clayton Pretts (convener), Mrs. J. Staley, Mrs. Gerald Galt and Mrs. Carman Day; flower committee, Mrs. Gerald Galt and Mrs. Guy Huycke.

The retiring president, Mrs. S. Parks and secretary, Mrs. C. Day, were tendered a very hearty vote of thanks by members for their noble and untiring efforts throughout their term of office.

The meeting closed with prayer by Rev. Mr. Robinson after which all enjoyed a social half-hour and lunch.

Mrs. Smith was extended a vote of thanks for opening her home for this meeting.

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DISGRACE ANYWAY

The man with the big shirt-front indignantly asserted himself: "I won't be ordered around as if I was a slave," he exclaimed. "It's no disgrace to be a waiter!"

"Maybe not," said the dyspeptic guest, "but it's a disgrace to be such a waiter as you are."

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

This column is sponsored by the Regional Office, Wartime Prices and Trade Board. Questions on price control, ration regulations and other Wartime Prices and Trade Board rulings should be mailed to: Information Branch, Wartime Prices and Trade Board, Victoria Building, Brockville, Ont.

Q. Are sugar coupons 48 and 49 valid?

A. Yes, sugar coupons 48 and 49 became valid December 21st.

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Q. I don't understand about the recent cut in the butter ration, when does it take place and what is the cut?

A. The butter ration is being reduced approximately one ounce per person a week, starting January 1st.

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Q. How much longer will the coupons in ration books 3 and 4 be valid?

A. All coupons in ration books 3 and 4 expire December 31st.

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Q. Are silk stockings going to be rationed?

A. No, definitely not.

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Q. Are canning sugar coupons still valid?

A. Yes, canning sugar coupons F1 to F10 in ration book 3 are still valid but only until December 31.

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Q. Are canned fruit juices rationed?

A. No.

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Q. When visiting the United States is it necessary to surrender your ration book?

A. You need not surrender your ration book unless you are out of the country for a period of sixty days.

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RATION COUPON CALENDAR

BUTTER — Coupons 86 - 89 inclusive are now valid. Coupons 90 and 91 (Book 5) will become valid December 28th. Coupons 86 to 89 (inclusive), will expire December 31.

PRESERVES — Coupons D1 to D16 (No. 3 book), 17 to 32 (No. 4 book), and 33 to 48 (No. 5 book) are now valid. Valid preserve coupons may also be used for the purchase of sugar at one-half pound per coupon. Coupons D1 to D 16 (No. 3 book and 17 to 32 (No. 4 book) expire December 31st.

SUGAR — Coupons 14 to 29 (No. 3 book), 30 to 45 (No. 4 book), and 46 to 49 (No. 5 book) are now valid. Coupons 14 to 29 (No. 3 book) and 30 to 45 (No. 4 book) expire December 31st.

CANNING SUGAR — Coupons F1 to F10 (No. 3 book) are now valid for the purchase of sugar for home canning at one pound per coupon. If desired, they may be exchanged for preserves coupons on application to Local Ration Boards. These coupons expire December 31st.

EVAPORATED MILK — Applications for special coupons for the purchase of evaporated or partly skimmed evaporated milk for infant feeding or medical cases may be made to Local Ration Boards. All such applications for those over two years of age must be supported by medical certificates.

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AFTER JAPAN'S UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER

BY WILFRID FLEISHER

Washington — What has been a long-range, hypothetical problem is now coming sharply into focus, as officials here are turning their attention to the possibility that Japanese armies in China may continue to fight there even after a Japanese defeat in the home island.

The war in the Pacific has been carefully planned by stages long in advance of actual operations. The present campaign in the Philippines was planned months ago and is believed to have been finally approved when President Roosevelt met with Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, and General Douglas MacArthur in Honolulu last July. The recent visit of Joseph C. Grew, former Ambassador to Japan to Admiral Nimitz in Hawaii, may be taken to indicate that plans are now being laid for another state which will carry the war directly to Japan for it is easily regarding conditions in Japan that Mr. Grew's advice must have been sought and given.

As each stage of the conflict is dealt with, another one comes into view and it is natural, therefore, that attention should now begin to be directed to the tasks that must have to be faced after Japan's unconditional surrender, which may not spell the end of war in the Pacific. There is a possibility that Japanese forces may continue to hold out in various places in Asia after a Japanese defeat, particularly in China, where the Japanese are estimated to have perhaps as many as 2,000,000 troops.

What the Japanese may do once defeated is, of course, purely a matter of speculation, but it is one that Allied military strategists can no longer afford to set aside. A fairly common view taken here is that the Japanese Government, in the face of defeat, may flee to Manchuria, taking Emperor Hirohito along with it, and attempt to carry on the war from there. There have been rumors that the palace of Puppet Emperor Henry Pu-Yi in Hsinking, has been enlarged so Emperor Hirohito might take up quarters there.

In such an eventuality, the role of Russia would become a most important one, for the Soviet Union is better placed than any other nation for an invasion of Manchuria. Large Soviet forces have been maintained along the borders of Manchuria for the past thirteen years, ever since the Japanese overran Manchuria and drove out Soviet influence which had been paramount in the northern area centring around Harbin.

It is believed here that if Japanese commanders in China should decide to fight on after Japan's defeat it would only be a matter of time until they were forced to give up, because they would lack equipment and supplies. A certain amount of Japanese industry has been transferred to Manchukuo and could supply a limited amount of war materials, but it is reckoned that this would be insufficient to maintain an effective fighting force of 2,000,000 men and that it would be a matter of attrition.

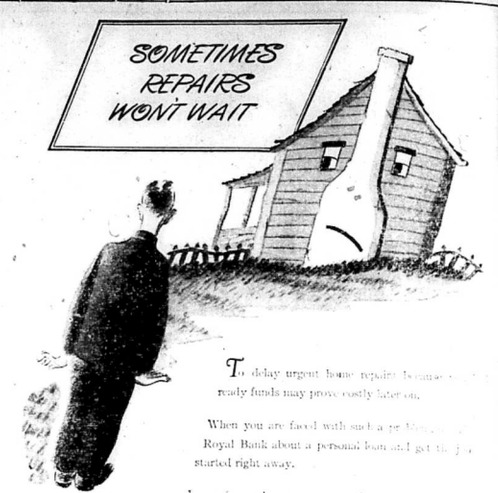
American plans for reorganization of the Chinese armies which are now taking shape are based on a long range view.

Chinese fighting power cannot be quickly re-established in view of the present low ebb of the Chinese armies. It will require many months or perhaps even a year or two to train and equip the Chinese armies so they can take the offensive in driving the Japanese armies from their soil, and liberating their own conquered areas. In this task American and other Allied forces may join, but it is regarded here as mainly China's task to free herself. The United States will furnish all aid possible in training and equipping the Chinese armies, but it will be mainly up to them to carry the job through.

There may be Allied landings on the coast of China at some time in the future, but such landings would be to protect the flank of the main operations against Japan or to open up new sources of supplies to the Chinese. In so far as present plans are concerned, there seems to be no disposition here for the Allies to send large expeditionary forces into China to drive the Japanese out.

The ouster of General Ho-Ying Chin, the Chinese war minister, and his replacement by General Chen Cheng, former commander of Chinese troops in the Salween area, heading into Burma, is seen here as an indication that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is now prepared to co-operate in restructuring the Chinese armies under American supervision as was done in the case of the Chinese troops which have been fighting under General Chen Cheng and which were American trained.

General Chen Cheng knows full well what American training and help has done for his army and he may be expected to co-operate fully in the wider scheme of extending this supervision to other Chinese forces. Obviously it will take considerable time before thousands of Chinese troops can both be trained and equipped and it will only be very gradually that the Chinese will be able to make a comeback and turn to the offensive. They will be helped to a large extent by the development of Chinese industry which is being pushed by Dona'd Nelson and his assistants who have established a Chinese War Production Board.



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RED CROSS NEWS

The hostesses at the Saturday at the Red Cross rooms on Decem 9th, were Miss Allan and Miss T ner, and on Saturday, December Mrs. W. S. Wilson and Mrs. J. Simpson. There was a good atte ance at both teas.

Two more British wives of Canadian soldiers arrived from seas this week: Mrs. A. Chadw and small son arrived early Sund morning, to stay with Mrs. G week's parents-in-law, Mr. and M Lawrence Chadwick, R.R. 1, Na nee. Mrs. E. G. Richmond and William G. aged 12 months also a rived to stay with her parents law, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Richmo Both women and their child were met at the station by memb of their husbands' families and Mr. H. L. VanLuven, representing Napanee Red Cross and Mr. Al W lace, representing the Canadian L gion.

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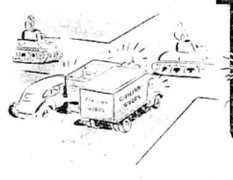
OH, THESE GLASSES ARE WONDERFUL--THERE'S RUBY POPGIRDLE IN THE UPPER BALCONY, NO LESS--AND THERE'S MRS. BLUSTER ALL BY HERSELF--
AN' GET A LOOK AT WHAT SALLY MOSOK IS WEARING--IT'S FRIGHT!

"...must warn the House and Country against any indulgence in the feeling that the war will soon be over."
WINSTON CHURCHILL
In the British House of Commons
November 28th, 1944

DON'T CONFUSE THE SIGNALS

don't jump the YELLOW light

War came. The manufacture of most civilian goods had to be cut down or stopped to make way for war production. That caused shortages of civilian goods—*that was the RED LIGHT*



Some restrictions are now being lifted, but it does not mean lots of goods right away. War's demands are still huge and must come first. We can't neglect them just so that some of us here at home can get a little more.

Don't confuse the signals—*(This is the YELLOW LIGHT ONLY).*

It means a little more of some things and it helps business men get ready for the time when there will be more materials and workers available.

It does not mean the end of shortages!

Getting back to peacetime production will necessarily be piecemeal and gradual.

"Patience" is the word.

it's NOT the green light yet

Only after Victory over both enemies can the Green Light be switched on, and the road cleared for enough production to meet all our civilian needs.

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"THE COST OF IT ALL"

BY C. S. FARMER

Bob Wallace came home from his farm job a few days before school reopened. His father, Detective Wallace, and his mother planned to take a two-day trip over to the fruit farm where Bob's young sister, Mary, had been working for Uncle Fred. Bob decided to take the trip with them.

The city where Detective Wallace had first served on the police force was quite near to Uncle Fred's fruit farm so he planned to look up a number of his old friends. He wanted Bob to meet them too. The detective called first at the farm and left Mrs. Wallace to visit her brother Fred. Everyone was glad to see how well Mary looked, and pleased to know that she had been a very efficient fruit picker.

Then Bob and his father went into the city and called at police headquarters. Sergeant McIntyre, at the desk, was an old friend of Mr Wallace. He looked up and greeted Mr. Wallace very cordially. Then he invited him and Bob to come in and sit down. The two men were soon recalling the old days when they worked together on the force.

'Do you remember,' said Sergeant McIntyre, 'we used to think we were busy enough back there twenty years ago. But now we are nearly rushed off our feet.'

'You were familiar with the Sunvale Park area, when you and I used to cover that beat. It was a decent enough place in the old days with modest homes and small successful business places. When we patrolled the beat then, the two of us could take care of the whole district and it was a rare event to have to make an arrest. But now, although the population of the area is about the same, we could keep a dozen constables busy in that area if we could have the men. Two hotels have opened up in the area with beverage rooms doing most of the hotel business and there is also a retail liquor store. The other stores of the Park complain that their trade is suffering. But crime has multiplied many times over. Arrests for drunkenness alone are almost twice as high as they were ten years ago. And drunkenness is by no means the only crime which accompanies the liquor traffic.

'A few days ago the chief medical officer of this military district was in the police station and he gave us some startling facts. He said that in the three-an-a-half years of war from January 1, 1940 to June 30, 1943, there had been treated thirty-five thousand and thirty-six cases of venereal diseases in the Canadian armed forces. This treatment had cost the country in cash alone a sum of at least eight million dollars. He said that a very conservative estimate indicated that in at least sixty per cent. of the cases the diseases had been contracted while the men were under the influence of alcohol.

'During these war days the shortage of manpower is one of our major problems. When a man misses a day's work through illness, that means a loss of production. This is serious either in industry or in the armed forces. We studied how many man days of time through venereal diseases had meant during those critical three-and a-half years to the Canadian navy, army and air forces.

'The men of the navy lost enough time to man ten corvettes with complete crews to provide escorts for eight fleets of cargo carriers from Canada to Britain. The man-days used by the first Canadian division during the conquest of Sicily were about equal to the time lost by Canadian army personnel due to these diseases. The time lost by the Royal Canadian Air Force (146,397 days) could have kept a whole squadron, both air and ground crews in action for an entire year.

Detective Wallace turned to Bob and said. 'You can see, son, that I did not exaggerate when I warned you and Mary about the evils of drink.'

Sergeant McIntyre went on. 'I could tell you plenty of stories about young men like Bob here, who I have met during my years of police work. They all started out with the best of intentions about making good. In fact I have never met a young man yet who did not intend to make good But every boy who has permitted himself to be tempted to take the first glass of beer or wine or other alcoholic drink has reduced his chances to make good in a fast moving modern world. If you want to see what alcohol does to some men I would advise you to pay a visit to your old friend Dr. Smith, who is in charge of a 'Home here in the city.'

Later in the day Mr. Wallace and Bob stood with Dr. Smith on an upper floor of the 'Home.' As they chatted a middle-aged man was led past them in company with an orderly. As they passed out of earshot, Dr. Smith turned to Detective Wallace and remarked, 'Did you notice that man going by?'

'Yes, I did,' said the detective. He looked to me like a very sick man.'

'He is a very sick man,' said the doctor, 'and we have had all too many cases like his during the twenty years I have been on the staff of this 'Home.' That man had a good tailoring business over in Sunvale Park; long train of broken health to people who cannot resist the temptation to take what many of them know is bad for them.'

'I thought I ought to know him,' said Mr. Wallace. 'I have often been in his shop and we were very good friends. What has happened to him?'

'Like many another young man, he began to drink, thinking it would do him no harm. But he found that drink was getting the better of him and he tried to stop. He even took treatment in the hospital to try to break the habit. But he was not able to give it up, and now he is a sad case of mental degeneracy with no hope of any improvement. His two boys and our girl are all in their late teens and early twenties, just at the age when they should have the help and advice of a wise father Alcohol sometimes takes fifteen or twenty years to destroy a man's usefulness, but I have seen too many men like Mr. Clark knocked out before they reached their fiftieth birthday. That man should be at his best right now. Instead, he is a disgrace to his family and a burden to society.'

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THE MIXING BOWL

By ANNE ALLAN
Hydro Home Economist

Hello Homemakers! Who can resist the thought of Christmas! Wartime, or not, we just can't shut Christmas out. The heart-warming good will, the gay decorations, the traditional food, these are the cherished things we are striving to preserve in a world of chaos. Let us, in our kitchens, keep the light of Christmas burning. Let us bake a holiday cake, even if some of the ingredients are difficult to find, or substitutes must be used.

Usually, we talked about Christmas cakes several weeks earlier than this, but the supplies this year were so uncertain that we decided you would be serving more cookies and small cakes during this festive season. However, stores have been displaying fresh supplies of several fruit cake ingredients this week and there have been numerous requests for recipes that we published two years ago.

Here are recipes we gave you in 1942, about which we received many favourable comments:

DUNDEE CAKE

Seven-eighths cup butter, two-thirds cup sugar, four eggs, one-third cup nuts (chopped), one-third cup peel (cut fine), two and one-half cup flour, half-teaspoon salt, one teaspoon baking powder, one cup seedless raisins, one and one-third cups currants, two tablespoons orange juice.

TOPPING: One-third cup citron peel cut in thin slices, and one-third cup candied cherries, cut in pieces.

Beat in eggs thoroughly. Stir in nuts. Sift flour with baking powder and salt, mix with fruit, and add to first mixture. Add orange and lemon peel mixed with orange juice. Mix thoroughly and put in two or three small pans lined with wax paper and greased. Cover top with candied cherries or citron. Bake in electric oven 275 deg. for one and one-quarter hours. Cover with paper for the last twenty minutes of baking.

NEW GUMDROP CAKE

One and one-half cups raisins, one-quarter cup of water, half-cup shortening half cup sugar, one egg, half-teaspoon soda in two teaspoons hot water, half-cup thick applesauce, one and one-half cups sifted flour, half-teaspoon nutmeg, half-teaspoon cinnamon, half-teaspoon salt, one cup gumdrops (sliced, any kind but licorice), one-quarter cup of nuts.

Simmer raisins in water about three minutes. Cool. Cream shortening and sugar thoroughly and beat in the egg. Dissolve baking soda in two teaspoons hot water and add to applesauce; then fold into the creamed mixture. Sift flour, salt and spices together. Mix part of flour with gumdrops, raisins and nuts; then add to batter and fold in flour. Line a loaf pan with two thicknesses of greased paper and pour batter in. Bake in electric oven at 300 deg. for one and three-quarter hours.

VICTORY FRUIT CAKE

Three-quarters cup sugar, half-cup molasses, three-quarters cup milk, one-third cup corn syrup, one and one-half cups fine whole-wheat flour, half cup pastry flour four teaspoons baking powder, half-teaspoon salt, one teaspoon cinnamon, one-quarter teaspoon each allspice cloves, mace and grated nutmeg, two cups of seeded raisins (cut in pieces), half-cup thinly sliced peel, or glace cherries.

Mix sugar, molasses, milk and corn syrup. Reserve one-quarter cup of pastry flour Mix and sift dry ingredients. Combine mixtures, then add fruits dredged with the one-quarter cup flour. Turn into buttered and floured loaf pan and bake 50 to 60 minutes in an electric oven (325 to 350 deg.)

ENGLISH PLUM PUDDING

Seven-eighths cup pastry flour, half-teaspoon baking soda, half-teaspoon salt one teaspoon cinnamon, half-teaspoon mace, one-quarter teaspoon each cloves, allspice, ginger, half-cup brown sugar, half-cup minced suet, half-cup currants, one-third cup sultanas, one-third cup raisins, four tablespoons mixed peel, one-third cup blanched almonds, one-half teaspoon grated lemon rind, one teaspoon lemon juice, half cup of grated carrot, half-cup grated raw potato, half cup grater raw apple.

Method. Sift flour, measure and resift with soda and spices. Add all other ingredients. Combine thoroughly. Steam in covered, greased pudding pan for three hours. Re-steam for serving.

CARROT PUDDING

Two cups grated carrots, half-cup chopped suet, one - quarter cup sugar, one-quarter cup corn syrup, one teaspoon salt, rind and juice of one lemon, one cup of crushed Graham cracker crumbs, half-cup nuts, half teaspoon cinnamon, half-teaspoon cloves, two teaspoons baking powder, one cup seedless raisins.

Combine all the ingredients. Turn into well-greased mould. Cover and steam in well-cooked two to two and a half hours.

TAKE A TIP:

Preparations for a fruit cake:

1. Pick over raisins and currants, rinse in water, lift out and spread to dry before using.

2. Take off any large pieces of sugar on peel. Warm the peel slightly on a pan in the electric oven and slice thin. Brown nuts and chop a little. Steam cherries if they are hard and cut in halves.

3. Sift flour, then measure and sift again three times with the spices, baking powder (if used) and salt.

4. Sprinkle fruits and nuts with about one-quarter of the sifted flour fixture.

5. Beat the butter until creamy, add sugar gradually and beat in eggs gradually. If the mixture begins to curdle, add some of the flour and continue beating well.

6. Add flavouring and any syrup gradually, then fold in the flour mixture and stir in the floured fruits and nuts.

7. Pour cake batter into tins lined with two thicknesses of greased paper, filling the pans only two-thirds full.

8 Bake in an electric oven preheated to only 300 deg. If you have one with two switches for the oven, use bottom switch only for heating. A small tin of hot water in the one provides moisture while baking.

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ANNE ALLAN invites you to write to her in care of The Napanee Beaver. Send in your suggestion on home making problems and watch this column for replies.

1945 OFFICERS ELECTED TRINITY W. M. S.

The December meeting of Trinity United Church Women's Missionary Society was held on Thursday, December 14th. The Christmas program was a Canadian Friendship service conducted by the President, Mrs. Switzer, assisted by Mrs. Cowle, Mrs. Reid, Miss Shorey, Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Martin, who lit candles of friendship for: First, the Jews of Canada, the race into which Christ was born; second, French Canadians; third, newcomers of Catholic faith from Europe, who bring with them a rich Christian heritage; fourth, the English speaking peoples of the world, descendants of German Scandinavian and British, who planted the Protestant churches in our land; 5th Those who have come to Canada from Africa and Asia. Each have brought with them gifts of adoration and praise in hymns and carols. Carols of various origins were sung, closing with 'Gentle Mary Laid Her Child,' written in our own day by a Canadian. Mrs. Arthur Kimmerly contributed a solo 'Infant Holy' accompanied by Miss Edna Madden.

A memorial service for Miss Emma Thompson was held, a faithful and beloved member of the W. M. S. for many years, who passed away on Tuesday, December 12th. High tribute of love and respect was given by Mrs. D. B. Wilson and also by Mrs. Switzer, and Rev. P. D. Cameron.

After a short business session, Mrs. H. L. VanLuven brought in the report of the nominating committee, Rev. P. D. Cameron took charge of the installation of officers and closed with the benediction.

The following is the list of officers for the year 1945:

Past President, Mrs. Percy Asselstine; President, Mrs. Geo. Switzer; 1st Vice-Pres., Miss Susie Shorey; 2nd Vice-Pres., Miss L. Candler; 3rd Vice-President, Mrs. G. M. Childley; Recording Secretary, Miss Blanche Hawley; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. W. R. Douglas; Corr. Secretary, Mrs. D. B. Wilson; Treasurer, Mrs. H. L. VanLuven; Supt. Christian Stewardship, Mrs. E. J. Corkill; Supply Secretary, Mrs. W. Exley; Community Friendship, Mrs. T. S. Moore; Assistants, Mrs. D. Casey, Mrs. A. Fellows, Mrs. S. Hertt; Associate Helpers Secretary, Miss A. Gandier; Missionary Monthly Secretary, Mrs. H. B. Scott, Literature Secretary, Mrs. L. Crossman; Christian Citizenship and Temperance, Miss E. Parks; Press Secretary, Mrs. Archie White; Pianist, Miss B. Baughan; Pres. of Evening Auxiliary, Mrs. Raymond Fretts; C. G. I. T., Mrs. D. Mathew; Superintendent of Mission Band, Mrs. Frank Mills; Mrs. J. D. Mathew; Superintendent Baby Band, Mrs. G. M. Childley; Assistant, Mrs. John Diamant; Finance Committee, Mrs. W. Ashley, Mrs. H. L. VanLuven, Miss A. Thomson; Mrs. Nicholson, Mrs. Jas. Thomson. Nominating Committee, Mrs. Exley, Mrs. T. S. Moore and Mrs. Corkill. Auditors, Mrs. C. B. Creighton and Miss Florence Hall.

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ICELAND ON POST-WAR AVIATION MAPS

BY PETER EDSON

Reykjavik — The sixth over the door at United States Army Air Transport Command headquarters near this Icelandic capital says Washington 29th—Prestwick 859. In other words, it is about the same distance from Washington to the Pacific coast as it is from Washington to Chicago, as it is from Iceland to the Air Transport Command's big base in Scotland. Comparing the "distances" that way, Iceland isn't a remote, isolated spot of the way place at all, but by air 15 hours or less from Washington and four hours from the British Isles.

The ATC having proved that the North Atlantic can be flown in winter, the people of Iceland have flying ants in their pants and when the war is over, they do not wish their country to lose the place it has gained as one of the most important crossroads of the great circle route from the United States to Europe. Iceland's position is perhaps typical of many other small countries who feel that they want a place in the coming air age, realize that they haven't the resources to compete with the major powers in transport operation and manufacture, yet don't want to be left off the aviation map.

In competitive, commercial operation it may prove to be more economical to fly the Atlantic in several hops—New York to Newfoundland, to Iceland, to the British Isles, to the European Continent, than to fly non stop. Twenty-hour hops in an airplane can become pretty tiresome. If long journeys can be broken at four to eight hour intervals, the passenger doesn't have to spend a day to recover from the few hours time he may have saved in making his journey non-stop.

Other factors entering into the situation are uncertainties of the weather, which may suddenly close in over one route or at one terminal, making it highly desirable and even necessary to have optional routes and stopping points where planes can sit down to wait out storms for the safety of their passengers.

The importance of these intermediate stops as switching points cannot be overlooked. A New York to London plane might easily drop off at Iceland passengers bound for the Scandinavian countries. Or traffic originating in Scandinavia might logically transfer London-New York service at Reykjavik.

This general need for diversity gives Iceland and countries similarly situated a definite place on the international map, in addition to which the domestic requirements of Iceland for its own citizens and their mail and express have to be met. And Icelanders, like the people of any other country, would like to see their own citizens get at least a part of this business for planes flying the Iceland flag.

Two Icelandic aviation companies have been organized for flying operations, one of the companies recently getting a Catalina type transport from the United States. The Icelandic legislature now is considering a bill which would combine these two companies into one and give that one company 50 per cent backing of the Government. So organized, it becomes a "chosen instrument" for possible operation to the United States, Great Britain and the Scandinavian countries with which it has most of its business. The new Icelandic Government of President Sveinn Bjornsson and Prime Minister Olafur Thors has committed itself to international co-operation. Iceland had delegations to UNRRA and Bretton Woods conferences, as well as at Chicago.

On air policy, the Icelandic government has yet to decide whether it will grant air rights to foreign countries on a reciprocal basis only, whether it will show preference to the air-borne commercial ambitions of any one country, or whether it will grant equal air rights to all countries and welcome all the planes that may wish to fly in here, whether they be British, Norse, Swedish, Russian, Canadian or American.

There is much jockeying for position now. The British are in here, as well as the Americans, for military operations. But these military rights expire with the end of the war and both will have to dispose of their elaborate aviation ground facilities to the Icelandic government, on terms yet to be arranged or disclosed.

Splendid Record of War Workers at Bath

The War Workers of Bath held seventeen regular meetings during 1944 and at nearly every one, the ladies quilted or planned sewing of relief garments. During the year Christmas boxes were sent to twenty-four Bath boys overseas, a box of candy at Easter, boxes of cigarettes and gum on other dates, as well as a Rawleigh box of toilet articles, such as shaving needs and ointment.

To The I. O. D. E were sent 34 pairs socks, 9 sweaters, 6 turtle neck sweaters and 4 quilts.

To The Red Cross — 1 turtle neck sweater, 1 lady's knitted cardigan, 3 pairs seamen's socks, and 8 quilts.

To The Red Shield at Kingston and Napanee — 9 quilts, a large box of warm clothing and children's garments to Russian relief and 2 quilts. Bombed-out victims, 2 quilts, a box of bed linens, sheets, pillow cases and 2 quilt to the Greek relief.

Donations at different times were sent to the Prisoners of War and the Milk for Britain funds.

Tickets were sold on a beautiful velvet quilt made and donated by Mrs. E. Rose, which netted $2490. A quilt was donated by Mrs. A. Davy, quilt tops by Mrs. Sills, Mrs. Lemon, Miss E. Davy, on which when completed, tickets were sold, bringing in gratifying amounts.

To the Masons, who have assisted so generously by free use of a heated hall, we extend our sincere thanks. To the men of our village Sergt.-Major Holden, Mr. Roberts, Mr. H. Sills and Mr. C. Davy, as well as their neighbours and friends who so willingly co-operated in putting on several euchres which greatly swelled our funds, we say again, thank you!

Below will be found the financial report. At the present time we have on hand linings for five quilts and we would gladly welcome any material for tops, and your help, at our meeting held in the Town Hall, Bath, every other Thursday.

Financial Report

RECEIPTS:

Euchres	$ 116 53
Dances	159 55
Quilts	47 00
Collections	12 83
Donations	15 62
Victory Cards	11 00
Sleigh Ride P.S.	19 00
	$ 382 93
Interest	48
Total	$ 383 41

EXPENDITURES:

Easter Boxes	$ 18 12
Prisoners of War	50 36
Milk for Britain	20 18
Rawleigh Boxes	37 98
Boxes Gum	24 18
Christmas Boxes & post.	88 26
Cigarettes	18 16
Material and Supplies	53 72
	$ 310 96
Receipts	$ 383 41
Expenditures	310 96
Bal. on Hand	$ 72 45

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BOY SCOUTS NEWS

A very interesting meeting of the Patrol Leaders and other Scout Officials of the First Napanee Troop was held at the home of Patrol Leader Gerald Creighton, on Monday, December 11th. These meetings are held each month at the different homes of the Patrol Leaders.

Plans were made for the Boy Scout Father and Son Banquet held Thursday, December 14th, at Grace United Church.

It was planned that Mr. Stout, who is head of the Scouts in Gananoque should speak.

The meeting closed with games and refreshments.

The Boy Scouts of the First Napanee Troupe held their first Father and Son Banquet at Grace United Church on Thursday, December 14th.

The banquet opened with the singing of 'God Save the King' followed by grace by Rev. C. D. McLellan. A sing-song took place during the supper.

At the end of the supper Mr. W. Blakely and his son, Jack, sang a duet.

Troupe Leader Gordon McLellan offered a toast to the fathers. Mr. E. C. Hogarth replied to the toast and offered one from the dads to the sons. Mr. Hogarth based his remarks on the Scouts, and P. L. Gerald Creighton repeated the Scout Promise.

Mr. P. U. Laidley introduced the speaker for the evening, Mr. Stout.

Mr. Stout spoke to the Scots about the picture 'The Pathfinder'. Mr. W. S. Wilson thanked Mr. Stout for his address.

The meeting closed with a presentation of badges to various Scouts. Mention was made of the requirements necessary for the winning of each badge.

P. L. Bill Roblin received his King Scout Badge. There are only about 500 King Scouts in Canada.

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WEDDING BELLS

ABRAMS - WANNAMAKER

The Bay parsonage at Napanee was the scene of an interesting wedding on Wednesday, December 6th, when Laura Winnifred, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Wannamaker, of R.R. No. 1, Napanee, became the bride of John Laverne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Abrams, R.R. No. 7, Napanee. Rev. F. J. Armitage officiated.

The bride wore a dress of sky blue crepe with black accessories and a corsage of red roses. Her attendant was her only sister, Miss Marjorie Wannamaker, who wore a dress of fuschia crepe with black accessories and a corsage of yellow roses.

Mr. James Leroy Abrams, twin brother of the groom, was best man.

The groom's gift to the bride was a gold locket, to the bridesmaid, a silver butter dish, to the best man, a gold watch chain.

The happy couple left amid showers of confetti and best wishes, for a short trip to Toronto. Upon their return they will reside at Hawley.

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The Late Mrs. L. Vanvolkenburgh

After being in ill health for several years and confined to her bed for the past four years, Mrs. Lasher Vanvolkenburgh, died last Wednesday, December 13th, at her home on Water Street.

Mrs. Vanvolkenburgh, who before her marriage was Mary Jane Dunn, was born in Napanee and had lived all her life here and was well known to many of the citizens of the town. She was a member of the Salvation Army for many years.

Her husband predeceased her several years and she is survived by two sons, Louis, Napanee and Spr. Roland Vanvolkenburgh overseas, and three daughters, Mrs. Amon Thompson, Mrs. Norman Dupont and Mrs. Clare Tumor, all living in Napanee. She was also predeceased by one daughter, Mrs. Peters.

Her funeral was conducted on Friday afternoon at the Salvation Army Citadel, by Capt. McBride and Lieut. Peacock, assisted by Capt. Davies, of Perth. Interment followed at Riverview Cemetery.

The pall-bearers were Messrs. Wm. Marsele, Henry Howard, Wm. Coates, Frank Ford, James Thompson and Reuben Thompson.

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The Late Mrs. William Crossley

Mrs. William Crossley, formerly Emma J. Smith, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, died at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. L. Boyes, Bridge Street, Napanee, on Thursday, December 14th.

Mrs. Crossley had been a semi-invalid for several years, but had been seriously ill only a week before her death.

She was a life-long resident of Napanee and was well known and very highly esteemed by a large circle of friends, who knew her as a capable businesswoman and as a woman of most exemplary Christian character.

Early in life she was connected with Downey's Store and later for many years had charge of the dress goods department in The Robinson Company, until her marriage to Mr. Crossley, about twenty years ago.

She was a member of the Brethren and for a long time conducted a large Sunday School class of young people, among whom, by her teaching and her example she exerted a lasting influence for good, and by whom she will be long remembered.

Following her marriage she travelled with Mr. Crossley in different parts of Canada, speaking and teaching among groups of the Brethren. Mr. Crossley predeceased her several years ago and for the past few years she had made her home with her sisters, Mrs. Boyes and Miss Minnie Smith, who survive her. One brother, Charles, died several years ago.

Her funeral was conducted at the home of Mrs. Boyes on Sunday afternoon by Mr. Hayhoe, Toronto, and Mr. Brannerhasselt, members of the Brethren, and interment was made in Riverside Cemetery.

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OFFICERS ELECTED CENTREVILLE PRECEPTORY

The Royal Black Preceptory No. 725, held election of officers at Centreville on December 6th, 1944, with the following being installed.

W.P.— Bro. James Hughes.
D.P.— Bro. C. P. Boulton.
Chaplain—Bro. William Lochead.
Registrar— Bro. K. L. Weese.
Treasurer—Bro. D. McGregor.
Lecturers—Bro. Stan. Doupe and Bro. Ed. Weese.
Censors— Bro. Clarence Lochead, and Bro. G. Sharpe.
Standard Bearers— Bro. S. Haggerty and Bro. F. Maxwell.
Pursuivant— Bro. G. Barr.
Tyler— Bro. S. McKeown.
Committee— Bros. S. Haggerty, D. McGregor, G. Edgar, A Smith, S. McKeown, F. Maxwell, A. Haggerty.

Following the election of officers lunch was served.

CAMDEN EAST L.O.L. OFFICERS

Camden East L. O. L. No. 368 held election of officers on December 4, 1944, the following being elected:

W.M.— Bro. B. Barr.
D.M.— Bro. S. Shane.
Chaplain— Bro. H. Robinson.
Rec.-Secretary—Bro. G. Barr.
Fin.-Secretary—Bro. C. Mcdonald.
Treasurer— Bro. E. A. Salisbury.
D. of C.— Bro. C. Hyland.
Lecturers— Bro. P. Gerow, and Bro. V. Edgar.
Committee — Bros. C. P. Boulton, P. Gerow, A. Barr, V. Edgar, H. Robinson.

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The Napanee Beaver extends Best Wishes for a
Happy New Year and joins with all the peoples of the Allied Nations in the hope that Victory and Peace may come in the year 1945.

GIBBARD SHOPS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY SUCCESSFUL EVENT

Over 400 in Attendance

One of the largest Christmas parties of the season was held here on Friday night when the annual Christmas entertainment of The Gibbard Furniture Shops took place in the Showroom of the Company's plant, on Dundas Street.

Never before at the party here had such beautiful decorations been seen The walls of the spacious showroom were decorated with lovely artificial candles, three feet high, with many paintings of Christmas scenes done especially for this party, by Mr. W. T Griffin, the Company's designer, with large Christmas crackers and, of course, with the giant tree with lights and surrounded with hundreds of presents for the children of all the employees.

The entertainment was largely provided by Mr. Mel. Smith of Oshawa, who put on a varied programme of harmonica, musical saw and trombone novelties, in which a number of members of the audience participated. Mr. H. E. Follis was the accompanist at the piano for these numbers and for the community singing.

SERVICE PINS PRESENTED

An interesting feature of the evening was the presentation by the General Manager of the Company, D. S Roffey, to each of the employees of more than 25 years' service, of a gold lapel pin. The attractive pins are in the form of the Company's crest or shield. A picture of the entire group of the 26 men is also being given to each of them. The Company has many employees who have served many years, more than the 25-year minimum requirement for admission to the Quarter-Century Club. One, J. S. Douglas, has been with the Company for 52 years.

SANTA CLAUS PRESENT

The highlight of the evening, of course, was the visit of Santa Claus and the presentation of the many presents to all the children of the employees.

Afterwards, refreshments were served in the Plant Recreation Room and in the Showroom. Then followed a dance with both modern and square dancing. It was a truly wonderful party put on by the management for the staff and the usual Gibbard spirit was much in evidence.

Impressive Services Christmas Day at St. Patrick's Church

At St. Patrick's Church, Christmas Day was ushered in with unusual solemnity, when promptly at midnight, the Very Reverend Pastor, Dean Leacy, celebrated Solemn High Mass, assisted by the Rev. Joseph Vallieres, C.S.S.R., rector of St. Mary's College, Brockville as Deacon, and Rev. Thomas Paby, a Deacon in Mount Orders, of St. Augustine's Seminary, Toronto, as Subdeacon. Almost everyone of the large congregation received Holy Communion during the Mass. Dean Leacy expressed his Christmas greetings to the congregation and following this Father Vallieres preached the sermon for the occasion.

Several low Masses were celebrated Christmas morning with many of the faithful being present. At 10.15 Solemn High Mass was celebrated by Father Vallieres, assisted by Rev. Thomas Raby as Deacon, and Dean Leacy as Subdeacon. Again the church was filled to capacity for this Solemn Mass was offered for our armed forces abroad and in Canada.

St. Patrick's Choir, under the capable leadership of Miss Agnes Cavanaugh, organist and choir directress, rendered the Mass of the Holy Family and was never heard to better advantage, eliciting worthy encomiums of praise from every side.

The beautiful Altar and Sanctuary were fittingly adorned with a profusion of mums and votive lights enhancing the dignity of the occasion, while the historic Crib lent additional religious significance and splendour to the Sacred Mysteries commemorated on this Holy Day.

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The morning after the dance at the local club two of the members were comparing notes.

'Old Johnson must have had a lot to drink last night,' said one.

'Why, when I was taking him home he let me fall twice.'

CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE AT GRACE UNITED CHURCH

The Chancel of Grace United Church looked very beautiful on Sunday evening last for the annual Candlelight and Carol Service. Above the Communion Table hung an illuminated Cross against a bank of evergreen boughs and this was flanked by tall trees decorated with coloured lights and icicles. The service was planned around a pageant of The Nativity. A candlelight processional by senior and junior choirs opened the service and this was followed by a choral number "A Star Was His Candle."

As the shepherds came to worship, the Junior Choir sang "Angels From The Realms of Glory." The three Wise Men, represented by Mr. Arnold Rogers, Mr. C. Henricks and Mr. W. Blakely, sang the carol "We Three Kings of Orient Are." Other numbers were a solo "The Gift," by Mrs. F. B. Elliott, and an anthem by the Choir, "Song Celestial" in which a duet was sung by Mrs. H. Denison and Mrs. A. Pringle.

Mr. McLellan spoke briefly on the origin of the hymn "Silent Night", and told a story which came out of Korea in which the hymn played a part. At the close of the service "Silent Night" was sung from afar by the choir, the strains fading away into the distance to end a very beautiful and impressive service.

The parts of Mary and Joseph were taken by Mr and Mrs. Harry Moore, and shepherds were represented by Messrs. Ray Huffman, Garnet Leary, and Glen Clark.

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GOOD ATTENDANCE AT LIONS DANCE CHRISTMAS NIGHT

There was a large attendance on Christmas night at the annual Lions Club dance, at the Town Hall, for the purpose of raising funds for the bombed-out children of Great Britain.

Music was furnished by the Aces' Orchestra and the hall was attractive with Christmas decorations.

The door prize, a walnut coffeee table was won by Clarence Brown, of Selby. Spot dance prizes went to L. D. Spencer, Napanee, smoking stand to Sergt. J. Edwards, Kingston, and a silex to Donald Fowler, of Napanee.

GERMANS RESUME OFFENSIVE IN BELGIUM AFTER 2-DAY LULL

WEDNESDAY—

Reports from the Western Front indicated that the Nazi counter-attack against the United States First Army in Belgium, has been unchecked. A serious setback to the Allies was admitted, but no details were given out except that the First Army had been pushed back twenty miles at one point.

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In Italy, the Nazis threw in a heavy counter-attack north of Faenza and forced the Eighth Army back to the Rimini-Bologna highway line, outside the city.

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In the Far East, the big Omura airport plant on Kyushu Island, Japan was heavily bombed by Superfortresses.

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United States troops on Leyte Island seized the Japanese divisional headquarters at Valencia and the airfield.

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THURSDAY—

The German offensive on the Western Front was reported to be increasing in fury. Fourteen or fifteen German divisions were thrown into the breach or the United States First Army's line in Belgium and Luxembourg. The situation of the United States army was said to be serious.

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In Italy, Polish and Indian troops of the British Eighth Army wiped out all German resistance southeast of the Senio River and the Rimini Bologna highway.

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British troops opened up two new drives in Burma, one of which gained eighteen miles and the other fifteen. Other Allied units were within 35 miles of Akyab.

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On Leyte, United States soldiers completely wiped out the Yamashita line in the Ormoc corridor.

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Russian columns were converging on Kassa, anchor of German defence in eastern Czechoslovakian mountains.

FRIDAY—

The German offensive continued unchecked and invading troops had advanced 22 miles through Belgium and had cut a vital highway 18 miles south of Liege.

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Two crack regiments, the Carleton and York and the Hastings and Prince Edward, beat back 13 fierce German counter-attacks in nine hours against their bridgehead across the Naviglio Canal, about 15 miles inland from the Adriatic.

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In the far East, remnants of the three Jap division were reported retreating along the railway from North Burma to Mandalay with the British in hot pursuit.

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B-29's bombed a Jap aircraft plant at Mukden in Manchuria.

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The Russians were said to have opened a full-scale offensive on a 40-mile wide front aimed at Vienna.

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SATURDAY—

The Germans smashed through Luxembourg and fighting spread far south through Belgium to the vicinity of Arlon, 40 miles from Sedan. U.S. lines on both flanks were regarded as relatively stabilized and temporarily secure.

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Bagnacavallo was captured by Canadian troops in Italy and German resistance northeast of Faenza was thought to have been broken.

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The Russians were reported to have launched a big offensive in Latvia. The Soviet armies also made gains north of Budapest.

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The Japs apparently have given up Northwest Burma and have fallen back to a defensive line around Mandalay.

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U.S. Superfortresses again bombed the Japanese aircraft manufacturing city of Nagoya.

WEDNESDAY—

After being held up for the past three days, the Germans resumed their westward advance and were only four miles from the River Meuse, south of Namur, 11 miles deeper in Belgium. The enemy held an eleven-mile battle front using two full armies and probably a third.

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Allied airpower was unusually active and was concentrated on the Germans' new front in Belgium. Rail lines used by the enemy were heavily attacked. Over 500 enemy planes were destroyed in four days and the Allied planes made 15,000 air sorties in four days, since Saturday.

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Russian troops were reported to have completely encircled Budapest and had driven two miles into part of the city.

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United States troops completed the conquest of Leyte Island in the Philippines. Continued blows were being struck by the air force against Luzon Island Japanese sites.

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British troops from North Burma made deep penetrations into Central Burma toward Mandalay.

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Dec. Examinations Tamworth Continuation School

Names are in order of merit.

Grade XIII — Cora Gray, Isabel Carrol.

Grade XII — Rowena Milligan, Mary Adair Jean York, Frances Neville, Mae Thompson, Bonnie Detlor, Rita MacDonald, James Young, Gerald Marshall, Peter MacDonald, Gerald Hannah, absent for some examinations.)

Grade XI — Mary Palmer, Herman Ackerman, James McCutcheon, Shirley Mitchell, Helen Brown, Marjorie Hawley, Gladys Renaud, Jack Amey, Ignatious Murphy.

Grade X — Laura York, Ronald McKeown Sheila Way, Betty Tucker, George Kirke, Herbert Prizzell, Joseph Clair, Sam Turkington, Winifred Steele, Fred Haggerty, Eldon Reynolds, Jack Armstrong.

Grade IX — Viola Gray, Jean Reid, Gerald Ackerman, Edith Allison, Murray Millar, Gerald Gray, Dorothy Denison, Gerald Brown, Wanita Tuepah, Helen Way Kenneth Prue, Roy Kennedy, Gerald Gaffney, Marion Milligan, Dolores Mundy, Albert Milligan, Barbara Mundy, absent for some examinations.)

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Miss Ada Stevens Died in Toronto After Lengthy Illness

The body of Miss Ada Stevens, a former well-known resident of Napanee, was brought from Toronto on Wednesday, December, 27th and was placed in the Riverside Cemetery, where a short service, conducted by Rev. C. D. McLellan, attended by a number of Napanee friends and members of the family, was held.

Miss Stevens had been ill for some time and her death occurred at the Wellesley Hospital, Toronto, Saturday night, December 23rd. Funeral service was held in Toronto on Tuesday night.

Miss Stevens was the eldest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs Charles Stevens, prominent residents of Napanee for many years. She was born in Napanee and lived here until after the death of her parents, since when she had resided in Toronto. She was a member of Grace Church, when living in Napanee and was an active worker in the Women's organizations.

She is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Roy Root, Stratford, Miss Myrtle Stevens, Toronto, and Miss Marion Stevens, Weston; one brother, Clayton, Buffalo and a half-brother, Charles in Milwaukee.

Robert M. Holtby, Holstein Fieldman, Died at Port Perry

Robert M. Holtby, aged 76, for many years fieldman for the Ontario Holstein Friesian Association died at his home in Port Perry, on Saturday, December 23rd.

Mr. Holtby was well known throughout Ontario and made many visits to the Napanee district. He was enthusiastically interested in the Holstein cow and many local farmers can march of their success as Holstein breeders to his enthusiasm and encouragement.

Mr. Holtby was a witty speaker and for several years featured the programme of the annual banquet of the Lennox and Addington Holstein Association.

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Christmas Report Enterprise Pub. School

Honours, 75 per cent or over Pass, 60 to 74 per cent.

Failure less than 60 per cent.

Grade VIII — Mary Murphy 89 (hon.), Jean Raycraft 83 (hon.), Cecil Hair 81 (hon.), Lloyd Vanneste 76 (hon.), Georgie Bell 64, Marjorie Jackson 58.

Grade VII—Jean Jackson 89 (hon.) Pearl Snider 69, Betty Bell 65.

Grade VI—Mary Holland 83 (hon.) Nina Walker 73.

Grade V— Vincent Murphy 83½ (hon.), June Jackson 83 (hon.) Vernon Coburn 68, Louise Hartman 66, Lois Helm 60.

Grade IV—Lewis Coburn 86 (hon.), Marilyn Dillon 82 (hon.), Gerald Murphy 77 (hon.).

Grade III — Grace Helm 89 (hon.), Bonnie Jackson 87 (hon.), Vivian Raycraft 87 (hon.), Joyce Holland 77 (hon.), Nancy Jackson and Verna Bell (equal) 74, Carolyn Evert 73, Audrey Kellar 54.

Grade II—Elaine Cousins and Paul Dillon (equal) 87 (hon.), Beulah Martin 83 (hon.), Shirley Bell 65.

Grade I — Anna Murphy and Winona Kennedy (equal) (hon.), Gerald Hartman (hon.), Lorne Bell, Glen Bruce, Gerald Bruce.

Mrs. Edna M. Hawley Teacher.

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Arnold E. Smith Stricken Suddenly Soon After Marriage

Suffering a heart attack while on his way to Napanee, with his bride of a few days, Arnold E. Smith passed away at a Belleville hotel, about 11:50 p.m., on Wednesday, December 20th.

At 4:00 p.m., the same day, Mr. Smith was married to Dorothy Marion Hainer daughter of Mrs. E. M. Hainer, 86 Albert Street, Oshawa. The ceremony took place at Centre Street United Church parsonage in Oshawa, with Rev. T.H.P. Anderson officiating. Following the wedding reception at the home of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Smith left by motor for Napanee. Upon reaching the Quinte Hotel, Belleville, where Mr. and Mrs. Smith intended to spend the night, Mr. Smith suffered a sudden heart attack and passed away almost instantly.

His body was brought to Napanee, where the funeral service was conducted at Grace United Church on Saturday afternoon, followed by a Masonic service at Moscow cemetery.

Mr. Smith was born at Petworth, Ontario, and was a son of the late Matilda Hartman and Ira Smith. For several years he lived at Enterprise, after which he came to Napanee, where he was employed for some time at the Gibbard Furniture Shops. While in Napanee, Mr. Smith was a member of Grace United Church. He was greatly interested in music and was a member of male quartettes and a member of the band while in Napanee. He was also an active member of the Oddfellows and the Masonic Order.

For several years he had been employed at the General Motors Co., Oshawa, as a machinist. He attended Centre Street United Church in Oshawa, where he was a member of the choir.

Besides his wife, he leaves one son, Reginald P. Smith, Oshawa, whose mother, the former Lena Card, died twelve years ago. He is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. A. Kerr and Mrs. L. Hubel, Napanee, and two brothers, Eugene, Odessa, and Howard, Tweed.

NOMINATION MEETINGS HELD THROUGHOUT L. & A. COUNTY

ADOLPHUSTON

REEVE— J. Roy Johnston.

COUNCILLORS — H. R. Allison, Gordon Mack, George Plested & C. Simmons.

(All elected by Acclamation.)

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AMHERST ISLAND

REEVE — Morrison Scott.

COUNCILLORS — Tom Cochrane, Henry Hitchens, Bert Glenn, Horris Filson.

(All elected by Acclamation.)

BATH

FOR REEVE — Harold Babcock, J. N. Osborne.

FOR COUNCILLORS — Fred G. Reid, Irvine Lemmon, S. J. Watts, Henry Wemp, Walter Mills.

(Four Councillors to be elected.)

HYDRO COMMISSIONER — Andrew Hare.

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CAMDEN

REEVE — Edgar Drew.

DEP.-REEVE — W. B. Breault.

COUNCILLORS — E. P. Purcell, Thomas Perreault, Frank Maxwell.

SCHOOL AREA NO. 1—Eric Jackson, Edward Hart, John H. Wilson.

For Two - Year Term — Mildred Jackson, Herbert Bowen.

SCHOOL AREA NO. 2 — E. K. Walker, Edgar Salisbury, Archie Alkenbrack.

For Two - Year Term — Arthur McQuay, Dr. T. W. Warner.

SCHOOL AREA NO. 3 — Michael Brady, Clement Cassidy, Donald Lochhead.

For Two - Year Term — Harold Cook, Robert Smith.

(All elected by Acclamation.)

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ERNESTTOWN

FOR REEVE — Harold Brandon, Frank Smith.

FOR DEP.-REEVE — D. F. Aylesworth, Delbert Sexsmith.

COUNCILLORS — S. D. Speers, H. J. Laughlin, Edgar Thompson.—Elected by acclamation.

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N. FREDERICKSBURGH

REEVE — Ray F. Perry.

COUNCILLORS — Chas. Thompson, William B. Bell, Walter H. Sills, William B. Hunter.

SCHOOL AREA TRUSTEES—Jas. W. Hicks, Marshall Vanalstine.

(All elected by Acclamation.)

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S. FREDERICKSBURGH

REEVE — Frank Ham.

COUNCILLORS — T. J. Dowling, Morley Creighton, Albert Chalmers, Guy Huycke.

BOARD OF EDUCATION— W. L. Haight, Frank Mallory, Bert Windover.

(All elected by Acclamation.)

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NEWBURGH

FOR REEVE — Henry Ward, William Wagar.

COUNCILLORS — John Byrnes, Jos. Aleckenbrack, W. M. Card, Dean Vandervoort. — (Councillors elected by acclamation.)

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RICHMOND

REEVE — E. A. McQuaig.

COUNCILLORS— Ross McConnell, John N. Richmond, J. M. Doyle, Jno. Schermerhorn.

SCHOOL TRUSTEES:

For North Area — Walter Scott, Harold Masten.

For Centre Area — Percy Hudgin, Everett Price, Blake Denison.

(All elected by Acclamation.)

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SHEFFIELD

REEVE — Clarence Milligan.

COUNCILLORS — Thos. J. Carrol, Raymond Gaffney, Thos. J. Hinch, J. Arthur See.

(All elected by Acclamation.)

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BRITISH - U. S. TALKS BEGIN

EUROPE FORMULA SOUGHT IN CABINET LEVEL PARLEY

Washington D.C. — Britain and the United States began "cabinet level" discussions here in search of a formula for creating greater political stability in liberated Europe.

Minister of State Richard K. Law and U. S. Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., were expected to have an early discussion on the many problems that have place a new strain on Anglo-American relations during the past two weeks. Ambassador Lord Halifax was expected to participate in the talks.

Mission Important

Primarily, Law's mission to Washington revolve around problems of getting more food, fuel, clothing and medicine to the liberated countries, but it will have political significance too, because the two western Allies recognize that hunger, cold and disease contribute to political disorder, as has already been demonstrated in Italy, Greece and Belgium.

Law, aide of Premier Winston Churchill's ace trouble shooter, brought with him a staff of experts to confer with their American counterparts. The talk will start Stettinius off on what promises to be a busy and significant week in the field of foreign affairs.

DEVELOPMENTS LIKELY

These events are in prospect:

1. A United States statement on its policy toward Poland. Mr. Churchill has urged the United States to state its policy "with precision" in view of his candid support of Russia's demands for eastern Polish territory. Stettinius may pass this hot potato to the White House because of its explosive domestic political repercussions.

2. Resumption of reorganization of the U.S State Department. This depends upon Senate confirmation of the six men Stettinius has chosen to assist him.

3. Analysis of the new Franco-Soviet Treaty. Release of the text of this 20-year pact in Paris last night calls for some interpretation in the light of the proposed world security organization plans formulated at Dumbarton Oaks.

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Aussie Miners Defy Government

Senator R. V. Keane, Australian Minister for Trade and Customs, will arrive in Ottawa from Montreal Dec. 28 for discussions with the Canadian Mutual Aid Board and the Export Board, it was announced last week.

He will be accompanied by Mrs. Keane, A. C. Moore, director of the Australian division of import procurement, and W. E. Dunk, director of reciprocal Lend-lease finance.

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Getting ready to perform his final and greatest feat, the amateur conjurer stepped to the edge of the platform.

"For the purpose of my next trick I will come gentleman in the audience and me his hat? Will you sir?" he added persuasively to a man in the front row.

But the man in question clinched his hat firmly with both hands and shook his head.

"I will not," he retorted indignantly — "not until you return the lawn mower you borrowed last summer."

CPL. W.A. SEXSMITH REPORTED MISSING IN ITALY

Mr. W. J. Sexsmith, Kingsford, received word last Sunday, that his son, Corpl. W. Arthur Sexsmith, was reported missing, perhaps taken prisoner.

Corporal Sexsmith is with the Eighth Army in Italy.

Disabled Vets Get Free Rides in Regina

Regina will grant free street car and bus transportation to disabled veterans of the Canadian armed forces, city council has decided. The matter was referred to the city commission to make arrangements for issuing passes on municipal transportation system. The council also adopted a resolution approving free passes to blind persons in the city.

U. S. Army Material Sells Free of Duty

Material brought into Canada by the United States Army may be sold duty free as isolated Army bases in Canada with the permission of the Revenue Minister, it is provided by an Order-in-Council published today in Canadian War Orders and Regulations.

The order gives authority to the Revenue Minister to authorize such sales, free of duty and taxes, to Canadian nationals.

100 CHILDREN HELPED BY SANTA CLAUS FUND AT CHRISTMAS TIME

The Committee in charge of The Beaver Santa Claus Fund wishes to express its thanks to all who contributed this year to the fund. The response to appeals was unexpectedly good both in cash and useful articles. As a result, Miss Leamy and her committee were able to supply Christmas treats to 99 children and to send complete Christmas dinners to fourteen families. The dinners included a five pound roast, fresh vegetables, groceries, some fruit, a little jam for older people and other useful foods.

The treats for children included fruit, nuts, candy, toys, stockings, mittens, and other articles.

Without the help of the Santa Claus Fund, Christmas would have been a rather bleak day for many of those who were helped. Those who contributed to the fund may rest assured their money or goods were put to good use.

Previously acknowledged, $71.50.

Contributed since last week:

Wartman Funeral Home $2.00
Miss E. Vanalstine 1.00
Ernest Rendell, 24 cabbages and 20 citron.
William Spencer $1.00
A Friend $2.00
Catholic Women's League $5.00
Mrs. Bruyea and Mrs. Marsh, chocolate bars.
W. R. Douglas .... two kiddie cars
Mrs. G. W. Baughan, 2 pairs hand-knitted sox.

English War Bride Thrilled By Stores

An interesting visitor in Napanee one day last week was Mrs. Eldon G. Richmond, a British war bride, who arrived in Canada a few days before and is staying with her parents-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Richmond, Tamworth.

Mrs. Richmond, who came from Wimbledon, England, was accompanied to Canada by her 14-months old son, William Gordon and by her mother, Mrs. Amy Huckerby.

Her husband who has been overseas for five years and has been in Italy for ten months, was the first boy from Sheffield to enlist and by a strange coincidence, his wife is the first English war bride to come to the Tamworth district.

Mrs. Richmond expressed great pleasure at the reception given her since her arrival in Canada. She said that one of the greatest thrills she had experienced in some time was to be able to go to the stores and buy almost anything without ration coupons. She also said that she found money went much farther in Canada than in England. Both she and her mother got a great deal of pleasure out of seeing the lights in houses and streets, without any dimming or blackout.

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RESOLUTIONS

A lot of good natured fun is poked at the man or woman who makes New Year's resolutions. That is not to be wondered at, for looking at ourselves we see how changeable we are, and naturally conclude that human nature being what it is, resolutions, no matter how well intentioned, will soon be broken. That is all too true; a knowledge of this weakness in human nature lies behind the adage that a certain place is paved with good intentions.

It is unwise, however, to underrate the value of resolutions. The world suffers not so much from an overdose of "resolution" as of "irresolution." The tendency to drift and let things take their course, is a common one. So, often when we allow things to take their course they take the wrong course. Looking back over the years between the wars it is quite possible now to see just how much of what has happened could have been averted, had their been a strong spirit of resolution, a strong will among the Allied peoples. To be sure a national will, or resolution, is one thing while that of the individual is another. Yet, there is a similarity. Just now, we are more than ever aware of a grave weakness in our nation in that Canada does not seem to have any definite clear-cut foreign policy. We wait until Great Britain moves and then we either say "me too" or we are opposed. A national will, a national resolution in both domestic and foreign affairs is one of our greatest needs. One of the old Greek philosophers said that "the state is but the soul writ large." If this is true, and it probably is true, then the lack of national resolution is but an enlargement of the ordinary citizens' lack of a definite aim and purpose.

A strengthening of the national will and character must begin in the life of the ordinary man and woman. Anything that will encourage that and help develop it is to be welcomed. We are all for New Year's resolutions, even if they get broken in the hurly - burly of complicated situations which had not been anticipated—more and better resolutions and a determination to keep them, is devoutly to be wished.

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"WHAT'S COOKIN'?"

"What's cookin'" in the Ontario political pot is a question a lot of people are wondering and of which they would like to know the answer. Whatever it is, nobody who is in a position to tell, seems desirous of doing so. Just how it is that Mr Hepburn has been induced to accept the House leadership of the Liberal Party, is one of those political mysteries about which all that can be done is to speculate and guess.

There was a time, a few years back, when Mr. Hepburn was in power, that he and Mr. Drew and Mr Duplessis of Quebec, were pretty chummy. Had Mr. Duplessis been returned to power at that time, we might have had an influential triumvirate in the two Provinces. But Quebec preferred Mr. Godbout to Mr. Duplessis when a test of public opinion was held in Quebec and so, the little trinity of leaders was broken. Now Mr. Duplessis is in power again. Mr. Drew is Premier of Ontario and Mr. Hepburn is the House Leader of the Liberal Party. It might be expected that the friendship would be renewed.

Conditions have changed, however. Then Mr. Hepburn was out to "get" Mr. King—he could count on Mr. Drew's support and, presumably, on that of Mr. Duplessis. Since then Mr. Hepburn seems to have made his peace with Ottawa, and will not be so ready as he once was, to organize and campaign against Premier King.

It may be, however, that the shift in the political breezes in Ontario have been responsible for the move It is well known that Mr. Drew has been getting his twenty-two planks in his pre-election platform implemented as fast as possible. It is surmised that he was anxious to get this done early so that, if he should be defeated by a vote in the House, he would be in a good position to go to the country in order to get an overall majority. With the kindly, but easy-going Mr. Nixon in the saddle for the Liberal Party, Mr. Drew would have had a good chance to succeed.

Now, however, the Liberals have changed leaders and Mr. Drew will hesitate, for, in spite of all his inconsistency, Mr. Hepburn has always had the knack of getting votes. He is a dynamic, vigorous, hard-hitting public speaker, and a clever politician. Mr. Drew will not be so anxious to test public opinion now, with Mr. Hepburn in the Liberal saddle. An election held with Mr Hepburn in charge of the Liberal organization could be counted on to return a larger vote for Mr. Hepburn's group. It would, in all likelihood, cause a shift in the relative strength of the parties, with a chance that the C. C. F. might easily come out on top. Neither of the older groups want that.

The next session should be an interesting one: it will bear watching closely.

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THE END OF THE YEAR

The curtain rings down on a year of swift and far-reaching strokes. It has been a year of high hopes and of keen disappointments. The invasion of Europe, and the liberation of France thrilled every heart in Allied countries. The set back of the last two weeks has been hard to take. We were optimistic for an early end of the war. It was even hinted that it might be over before Christmas. No matter what the result of the present counter-offensive may be, it is clear that an early end to the war is out of the question. We must be prepared for an even greater effort than ever before. It may be that over-confidence, both on the home front and among the forces, has been responsible, to some extent, for the present set-back.

In Italy the situation is without much change. The United Nations have fought their way, inch by inch, all up the Italian boot. It has been a hard, slow and costly business.

On the Russian Front, a Russian winter offensive has been reported. Whether this is an all-out effort to overcome the Nazi forces on the Eastern border or not, is not evident at the moment. There are hints that Russia is delaying that effort until the matter of the Polish boundaries are settled. It is altogether likely that this is one of the reasons why Primer Minister Churchill made his announcement recently, favouring the Russian proposals rather than those of the Polish Government-in-Exile. Once the question is settled we shall see the Russian steam roller on its way again

In the Far East the American Forces are making steady progress. The Japanese homeland is being bombed continuously and the Superfortresses are bombing Formosa and Japanese-held Hong Kong. Japan has made phenomenal gains on the Chinese mainland, but has failed in her main objective to eut China in two.

The military situation is better than it was a year ago—much better. But, politically, there are forces operative which might easily wreck the good work that the military leaders have accomplished. The civil war in Greece, the struggle in liberated Italy and Belgium, between the Rightists and the Leftists, is indicative of this political tangle.

This we have been, all along, led to believe was a war on behalf of Democracy. A war of the little fellow against the power of entrenched prestige and power. It is quite evident, now, that a military decision will not necessarily mean that this problem is solved.

Next year will see the crucial test of armed forces. It will give some indication, we hope ,as to the political trend in Europe. If another war is not to be fought in twenty-five or thirty years from now, the people in Europe will have to be given a chance to determine their own rulers, their own form of government and their own way of life. As the year ends, this struggle begins. Next year may well determine the future course of world history for a century

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POLITICAL WARFARE

There is observable in the American Press a growing disappointment with the way in which the United Nations have handled their political warfare. Perhaps the failure to wage this feature of the Allied offensive is, to some measure, responsible for the present situation. Great organs of public opinion on the American side are not hesitating to suggest such a possibility. In a recent editorial on the subject, the "Buffalo Evening News" has this to say:

"Our political warfare has failed, thus far, on all three counts. The extent of the failure was well illustrated in the recent speech by Prime Minister Churchill on the Polish question, which had the effect of (1) withdrawing British support for Poland, whose integrity was the immediate issue precipitating this war; (2) further repudiation of the Atlantic Charter, which is the only statement of fundamental war aims that the Allies have yet promulgated; (3) proclaiming that Germany is to be dismembered, at least in the east, which can only cause the enemy to fight on all the harder; (4) conceding that nobody knows where the United States Government stands on the Polish or many other issues, which means the world is deprived of one moral force around which it should have been able to rally; and (5) admitting that the major allies still are far apart on a host of vital policy matters and that it has been impossible to arrange a meeting at which the disagreements can be settled. All this strengthens the enemy's last remaining hope for splitting the Allies and winning a partial victory.

"But the worst failure of all is seen in the effect of our political warfare on the enemy. Not only have we failed to undermine his will to fight, but we have strengthened it, by countless ill-timed words and deeds. Last Spring—after the Moscow and Teheran accords had seemed to serve notice that a wedge no longer could be driven between the major Allies—the Germans began to fall apart on every front. Their last chance to win the war seemed to have been lost. Then the absence of a united Allied policy for Europe began to grow apparent. Minor rifts developed and widened. The Polish crisis grew. And the Germans saw a chance of salvaging something out of the wreckage if they could hang on a while longer. Then, with our armies poised on the Reich frontier, came the Morgenthau plan for dismembering Germany, which was exploited by Nazi propaganda as "proof" that the Germans might as well

NAZI WESTERN FRONT STRATEGY

BY RUSSELL HILL

The German surprise offensive in Eastern Belgium and Luxemburg has naturally elicited comparison with counter blows they have struck in the past — with Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's "do-or-never" drive for the Nile in the first days of September, 1942; with his break-through at Kasserine Pass in February, 1943, and with the abortive attack at Medenine the following month.

Probably the comparison with the Kasserine battle is the best, for that thrust met with the greatest initial success, threatening to overrun huge supply dumps, and causing the British 1st Army in the North to contemplate seriously the necessity of a wholesale withdrawal to avoid being out-flanked.

Yet none of the comparisons is quite accurate, mainly because in Africa the forces involved on both sides were so much smaller. At Kasserine Rommel broke through with the 10th Panzer divisions, and had little else with which he could follow up his advantage. The powerful formations that were built up for the U.S. 1st Army's line last week were all out of proportion to anything the Germans were ever able to muster against us in Africa. Fortunately, the forces at the disposal of Lieut.-Gen. O. N. Bradley for meeting the threat are probably considerably greater than what Field Marshal Sir Harold Alexander had on hand in Tunisia.

At the present time the fighting is still in what is officially called a "build" stage. This is the reason given for the lack of precise information that is available or that can be released. Therefore, it is impossible to get an accurate picture of the situation between the German border and the Meuse. Much of what can be learn cannot be told.

What can perhaps be done is to tell the story of recent German strategy and suggest how the enemy's command has been able after hard battles of the last months, to put most effective ideas, something it was never able to do in Normandy, when nearly everyone expected it.

It must be borne in mind that for months prior to the June landings a systematic air offensive had been waged against the road and rail communications system of Northern France. The disruption of this system, coupled with unceasing air activity against German transport after the invasion had begun, made it impossible for the Germans to concentrate the forces necessary to launch a counter-offensive that would have had the chance of driving the Allies back into the sea.

The same thing has not happened in the Rhineland for several reasons. Weather has been bad, and has cut down sorties by about 50 per cent. The communications net in Western Germany is much tighter than the one in Northern France. Finally, the air force has been giving close support to ground operations and has had no period during which it could concentrate exclusively on attacking communications.

Consequently, it has been very noticeable that during the latter part of the German border line, the enemy has been able to shift divisions around with ease and speed to meet threats, as they occurred.

In August the main German army in France was smashed, together with whatever could be scraped together in Germany. Holland, etc. were left to wash and hold the defences of the Rhineland, will undoubtedly go down as one of the great military feats of the war.

It was made possible partly by the "final" total annihilation that followed the abortive attempt on Adolf Hitler's life on July 20th. Since then Hitler has called up the sixteen year olds, has formed the Volkstrum battalions, has taken the people out of factories and kept on scraping the famous manpower barrel in every conceivable way.

Meanwhile the Allies were launching a series of offensives which followed each other rapidly without ever really letting up and were widening all along the whole front. What we were doing in effect was consistently keeping up the pressure hoping that eventually we could wear the Germans down.

Von Rundstedt used his stretched manpower very cleverly. He found that inferior troops which were no good in offensive actions could still be relied upon to hold onto positions in a warfare grown almost static. When the pressure became too great they could fall back to the next position and every town, village river stream and small forest became a position.

While his deferred classes and old men and young boys and factory workers were fighting this defensive battle and suffering losses but mercilessly holding their line, Rundstedt was building up strong strategic reserves including a number of fresh panzer divisions. The existence of this force behind the front could not of course, be kept secret and the Allies' command was well aware that if a break-through were achieved, this reserve must be dealt with unless such severe losses had previously been inflicted on the Germans that they had been forced to commit it piecemeal. On the other hand German strategy had been defensive so long that there were probably few people indeed who expected this force to be used in an offensive role.

There can hardly be any doubt now that the enemy expected great things from his offensive. He may well have hoped, after breaking through our line, to make for the line of the Meuse or to get around behind our great salient east of Aachen or at least force retirement from those hard-won positions on the rain-soaked, but for him still sacred, German soil.

The off-ensive is a gamble. Success would mean disruption of Allied plans and lengthening of the war by many months. But failure would mean a corresponding shortening of the war, for now the Allies have been given a great opportunity to come to grips with Rundstedt's strategic reserves. It would be easier to destroy this reserve in Belgium than in Germany.

The "last throw" character of the offensive may be seen more clearly by looking at the air situation. The Germans have saved up air strength as well as ground strength for this attack. Hundreds of planes come out in the first days, parachutists are dropped, but on R.A.F. spokesman estimated that if the Luftwaffe continued at its initial rate it would consume 64,000 gallons of fuel per week and this rate of consumption could not be maintained long. On the whole it is better for the Germans if neither air force can operate, so that the foggy weather of the last few days has undoubtedly helped them.

However the battle develops, the fact remains the Germans were able to launch this offensive at all cast grave doubts on the wisdom of the Allied strategy of "keeping ups the pressure." Both in the east and in Russia it has been found advisable to alternate periods of complete lull between often ives. This gives troops a chance to rest and be pulled out of the line. It permits the air force to concentrate on "softening up" operations. The well prepared power-ful offensive, designed to achieve quick, decisive results

WHEN WILL PETAIN FADE FROM VIEW?

BY WAVERLEY ROOT

It occurs to me that it is extremely unlikely that Marshal Petain will ever leave Germany alive.

His great age, of course, would make his death no very surprising event in any case. He has already lived longer than most men, and too long, certainly, for the renown of his own name. But that is not the reason why he cannot be expected to survive Germany's defeat. The decisive reason is that Germany will not want him to be tried.

The French government has already charged Petain with treason and intelligence with the enemy, and a commission under the Paris Prefecture of Police is gathering evidence for his trial. If it should be proved before a court of law that Petain actually conspired with the Germans before the armistice, and even, perhaps before the war, to bring about the military defeat of his own government wor'd public opinion concerning contemporary history is going to be profoundly affected and political decisions for the future will be altered accordingly.

Now the German leaders today are no longer fighting to save Germany. They know that battle has been lost. They are fighting and fighting desperately, to save the Fascist idea, to prevent the utter defeat of the anti-democratic cause. Germany may be lost, but Fascism they are trying to preserve, whether it has to be kept alive in other countries (Argentina, for instance) or even to take refuge within the territory of their enemies, there to bore from within and destroy the victory. —

They are pursuing this aim with utter ruthlessness, and for its achievement they are willing to accept even the destruction of themselves. They will not boggle then, certainly, at taking the life of one of their former associates in order to prevent the proof of his perfidy from being made evid nt before a court of law. Thus they will save their idea from being struck the fatal blow that such a demonstration would constitute.

It is for this reason that I expect that we will hear of the death of Petain some time before the moment arises when it would be necessary for Germany to deliver up to France. It will probably not be a spectacular demise (unless the Germans try to make it appear as an assassination carried out by their political enemies) but a natural death. Given Petain's age, that shou'd be easy to simulate. It might, indeed, even be easy to provoke. For a long while now, Petain has depended for energy upon certain drugs, not easy to procure in blockaded Germany. It would only be necessary, perhaps, to discover that the shortage had become too acute to permit supplying him any longer with these chemicals to insure his death.

It is true that the trial of Petain would prove that he had been guilty not of shortsightedness, not of mistake, not even of blindness caused by political prejudices, but of actual definite, treasonable collusion with the enemy in the matter of bringing about the military defeat of France?

The Germans know, of course, whether or not that is true, and so does Petain, I think they know that it is true.

My own conviction of Petain's guilt has been s'ow to develop. It was only a suspicion when I set to work some three years ago to write the chapter on the defeat of France, in my Secret History of the War, which will appear next January. It suggested the possibility at first simply as a hypothesis which would explain certain puzzling details of that defeat. But as I continued working on the book, the gradual accumulation of new evidence led me in my rewriting and revising to present Petain's treason first as a possibility and then as a probability. Finally the book went to press with the expression of my opinion that the details of the case against Petain indicate his guilt, but with the reservation that it is conceivable that his actions are merely quite as inexcusable as it appears to have been.

This last estimate, I fear, is still too charitable. I am compelled to that belief by each new shred of information concerning the activities of Petain that has appeared since I hesitantly closed my own case against him. The latest is a new book by Andre Schwob, L'Affaire Petain, which goes into great detail on certain angles which I had covered also, but less minutely — for instance Petain's suspicious actions as French Ambassador to Spain and in particular, the campaign in his favor conducted by journalist Gustave Herve.

I devoted a few pages in my book to Herve's pre-war demands that Britain become the dictator of France, in order to impose upon it a total'tarian government whose lines Herve printed—which proved to be identical with the type of government that Petain did, indeed establish after the armistice. I underlined also the statement in Herve's paper that it's Petain Whom We Need! that the change in regime might most readily be accomplished as the result of military defeat at the hands of a foreign enemy — a very remarkable anticipation of the policy to be subsequently for the date at which Herve published it: 1935.

But M. Schwob provides many more details on the activities of Herve whom he describes as Petain's 'manager' then I had space for, including the fact that Herve, in 1940, had two essential points, necessary to establish the linkage between Petain and the Germans—first, the acquaintion between Petain and Herve, through Rauhael Alibert, the Marshal's confidant, who later became his Minister of Justice; and second, the direct relationships between Herve and Germans.

It is difficult to read M Schwob's book without agreeing with its concluding sentences: "No one has given rise to such heated discussions as this marshal who was once called the 'Man of Providence.' So-called 'Men of Providence' rarely attain power without long and careful preparation. The advent of Petain, in June 1940, was not the result of chance."

It was, instead, M. Schwob sets out to demonstrate — with, to my mind, great success—the result of painstaking planning and execution of that plan by the Germans and the last surviving Marshal of France.

If this is true, it is one of the most spectacular cases of treason in history, and it is easy to understand why those who want to preserve the anti-democratic idea should desire to prevent a trial which will cast its bleaching light upon their machinations. But it may be that with or without Petain, the trial which will at last expose the truth will soon be held and, amazingly, not first in France but in Italy.

For there the investigation of the devious operations of Count Ciano's 'black cabinet,' which should come into the open when former Ambassador to Washington Dino Alfieri goes on trial in Rome before the High Court for the Punishment of Fascist crimes, may well develop into one of the Fascist International directed its friends in France from Rome as well as from Berlin.

And it is said that among the records Ciano left behind is the evidence of the corruption of Petain and his deliberate and conscious collusion with the Germans in their project of defeating the nation he had sworn to defend.

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QUISLING HOLES UP

BY WAVERLEY ROOT

With the day of reckoning approaching, Vidkun Quisling, the man whose distinction in history will be that he has given the world in his name a new synonym for "traitor" has been seized with panic and is seeking a means for escaping the punishment which he sees approaching.

His method has been to delegate complete dictatorial powers to Jonas Lie, his Minister of Police, whose position in Norway is equivalent to that of Himmler in Germany and to take retreat himself in his estate at Gimle, the Berchtesaden of Norway. Allied observers have interpreted this action as meaning that Quisling hopes to sadd'e Lie with all responsibility for his regime and by thus providing a scapegoat, to escape retribution himself.

But there is, perhaps, another explanation. Has Quisling not conceived the mad idea of entering into his private fortress in the belief that he may be able to ward off any forces sent to arrest him?

For that is what Gim's is—a private fort. Never in the distinction complex and abject fear of attacks upon himself Quisling spent $360,000 to convert it into a veritable fortress. Machine guns guarding the property are manned day and night. Lights have always kept all night storm troopers to constitute a guard wherever he has been at Gimle. He eats or drinks nothing until someone else has tasted it. Even the Gestapo, powerful in ancient Rome, he is in constant terror of being poisoned.

Gimle is also protected against attack from the air. Anti-aircraft guns are stationed on its grounds, and a reinforced concrete air raid shelter is built under it, to which Quisling was accustomed to scurry in fright whenever enemy planes were reported in the region. This shelter was constructed chiefly by conscript labor—200 prisoners who were put to work building it. While they were about it, Quisling had them do another little job. He made them build a small observatory on top of his house. On nights when no planes were about, Quisling used to spend hours there, peering at the stars—not because he was interested in astonomy, but because appropriately to his medieval political theories, he was a devotee of astrology, like Hitler.

If Quisling expects from this strong point to be able to stand off the United forces of the Allies, he is obviously pinning his faith on a madman's project—but the fact is that Quisling is a madman. He is simply pathologically insane. His mental disorder has been betrayed on various occasions in a fashion much more extreme than in his persecution mania or the infantilism of his ridiculous personal display.

The second of these two qualities indeed, has been displayed by a Nazi leader not nearly so definitely deranged as Quisling. One Norwegian pointed out in an inscription which was chalked on the walls of Oslo after one of his many speeches Quisling devised for himself a uniform composed of a bright red tunic splashed with gold and epaulettes of gold, white trousers, a broad white belt, and one of those dangling leather gauntlets that were the emblem of the days wore between their sabres and their trousers. The slogan which appeared in the Norwegian city in response to this apparition was: "Rinsmaster Vidkun—A Marshal Goering creation."

The lack of restraint in dress in which Quisling resembled Goering was accompanied by a similar lack of sane restraint in conduct which has not been reported as occurring with similar violence in Goering's character. Quisling was capable of flying suddenly into the most violent and senseless rages. In one such burst of unpremeditate fury he shouted at Bishop Eivind Berggrav, senior bishop of Norway's state Lutheran Church, that he would have him beheaded.

Even more revealing was his insensate behaviour in his native village of Fyresdal, where he went for a short 'vacation.' It began when he drove straight to the home of Pastor Otto Lysaa, who later became a refugee to Canada to join the Canadian Air Force. He ordered the pastor to call the village officers and they were assembled was a spy.

Each vessel carried from 1500 to 2000 Americans, and thousands of the first run, and thousands more returned, after recuperation, for second and third runs. On the world's largest ships, the Queen Mary and Queen Elizabeth, which never left the water, the average trip was five days, one of the fastest Atlantic crossings in history.

The submarines were packs, lasting for either two or three weeks, and equipped with U-boat nets. But the Queens sailed with a zig-zag course, and relied on their speed to outdistance any danger area. On one occasion, said the Queen Elizabeth officer, we raced

Both ships, during the 1000-foot Queen Elizabeth is 2 feet longer than the Queen Mary and speed for the fastest German surface raider—a speed for torpedoes even were fired at them because the submarine would have to put on too much steam to overtake us.

On one or two trips, Rear Admiral Cunningham, commander of the troopships, was aboard the Queen Elizabeth, and on one occasion, he said, the liners nearly ran down a British battleship. As a matter of fact, he knows more about it than the officers of the battleship, for as far as he knows, although newspapers reported the incident, the Admiralty has never released the story. The battleship was the Revenge, and she was escorting the Queens across the South Atlantic. A fog descended, and the Revenge suddenly loomed up directly in the Queen Elizabeth's path. The Queen sailed proudly into Rio Harbour with

Both vessels carried numerous guns, which the German submarine commanders knew.

Once Hitler's supermen, who respect only the Queen Mary, learned that Churchill was a passenger aboard the Queen Elizabeth, they would have made every effort to sink her. Therefore, when the Queen Elizabeth was on the run, the Queen Mary was always in port, and vice versa. Both ships carried large numbers of Army and Navy personnel to an Atlantic port.

About the closest call the Queen Mary had came late in the summer of 1942 when she was carrying 15,000 American troops, she was zigzagging in heavy fog and in some way the destroyer escort assigned to her that night lost contact. The Queen Mary had come far enough to be within sight of the Irish coast when the fog lifted, revealing the destroyer escort only a few more inches away.

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A writer wonders why the baby cries when it comes into the world. It seems to us it has plenty of reason to cry when it comes to realize it has to live in this world.

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"Oh, it's just a matter of training," explained Thompson. "You see, I have a wife, five children, two dogs and a cigarette lighter!"

THE "QUEENS" OUTSPED THE U-BOATS

London. — Behind the bare announcement in the recent British white paper on Mutual Aid that the Cunard White Star liners "Queen Mary' and 'Queen Elizabeth' brought to Great Britain during the year ending July 31 last, are exciting stories connected with the way in which these two great vessels

Some of these were recounted by Wing Commander Jean G. Barnes of the Royal Air Force, who made sixteen crossings in the commander of troop-ships on the west prome. The Queen Elizabeth, which never before in its career to serve as a luxury liner, is painted in the dark grey of a warship, and has been given a camouflage all over. One outstanding mark is the Queen Elizabeth's speed.

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INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON, DECEMBER 31ST, 1944

"THE BASIS OF COURAGE FOR THE FUTURE"
Text: Matthew 16: 13-28. II Peter 3: 14-18. I John 3: 1-3

This is the last lesson of the year in the International Sunday School. It is those who make the choice of courses to be studied sought to deepen the faith of Christians by referring them to great passages from the New Testament in which the basis of Hope for a coming Kingdom of God is to be found. First then the reference is to a statement from the Master Himself given to His disciples at Caesarea Philippi. He had gathered the little band around Him and asked them concerning Himself: "Who do men say that I the Son of Man am?" The discussion which followed was the direct result of the confession made by Peter when he said: "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God. Jesus then told them that they were to tell no man that He was the Christ. The reason for this strange order was the danger from the ruling officials. Had Jesus told them who He was, He would have been prematurely apprehended, and crucified before His work has been completed.

This section contains the passages with respect to Peter over which there has been much controversy: "Thou art Peter and on this rock will I build my Church." On the basis of this a great church has declared that Jesus intended Peter to be the head of the Christian Church. The truth of the matter is that Jesus knew nothing of a church as we know it. The growth and development of the church came much later than this period in the life of the Master. Jesus' whole aim in life was not so much to establish an ecclesiastical organization as to bring in the Kingdom. To be sure the church is the agency the organization through which that Kingdom is to come. The church is to be recognized not as an end but as a means to an end. To this end that of bringing in the Kingdom of Jesus Christ, the condition of life shown all His days, lived for and died for shall prevail.

In the pursuit of the Kingdom men and women often grow despondent, falter, and fall. The second section of the lesson is written for all such. It is a piece of safe advice to men who saw conditions which appeared to overwhelm the good. He urges His hearers not to be swept by the tide of wickedness around them but to remain steadfast, remembering the long suffering of the Master. Remembering the long suffering of Jesus is not the only thing necessary to the conquest of fear and of temptation. We need the Spirit of the Master Himself, to enable us to withstand. This is particularly important to note in our own day, when the temptation of secular interests is such that the Christian is in great danger of losing his standards. The standards of the world are often the standards of the church. If the Kingdom is to come, Christian people must be different from the world. They must have their ideals, noble standards and the Spirit of Christ in the heart, which will enable them to maintain these ideals.

In the final section John stresses the fact that we are all sons of God. A lesson much needed today in the light of the prevalence of racial bitterness and national hatreds. It is not yet manifest what we shall be. We are now sons of God what we shall be hereafter, no man knows. Our hope is not based on things manifest but on faith. "We shall be like Him for we shall see Him even as He is." That is a great vision of Christians' faith—many needed to-day than ever before.

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Q. Are butter coupons 90 and 91 valid?

A. Yes, butter coupons 9 0and 91 became valid December 28.

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Q. Is there a ceiling price on shelled nuts?

A. Yes, there is a price ceiling on both shelled and unshelled nuts.

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Q. May I applya for extra butter. I run a boarding house and find my quota won't last until the end of the year?

A. Definitely not. All quota users have been warned that no supplementary butter rations can be allowed. Your present supply must do until the end of the year.

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Q. Are ration books 3 and 4 still valid?

A. Ration books 3 and 4 become invalid December 31st.

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Q. How many meals is a housewife entitled to apply for extra rations for when serving meals to servicemen?

A. A housewife may apply for 3 meals a day. That is 6 meals for a 48-hour leave, 9 meals for a 72-hr. and 12 for a 96-hour leave. The maximum is 12 meals for a weekend leave. If the serviceman has five more days he is issued with ration coupons by his unit.

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Q. When do butter coupons 92 and 93 became valid?

A. Butter coupon 92 will become valid January 11 and coupon 93 on January 18.

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Read Classified Advts

RATION COUPON CALENDAR

BUTTER — Coupons 86 to 91 are now valid. Coupons 86 to 89 inclusive expire December 31st. Coupon 92 will become valid January 11th.

PRESERVES — Coupons D1 to D16 (No. 3 books), 17 to 32 (No. 4 books), and 33 to 36 (No. 5 books) are now valid. Valid preserve coupons may also be used for the purchase of sugar at one-half pound per coupon. Coupons D1 to D 16 (No. 3 book) and 17 to 32 (No. 4 book) expire December 31st.

SUGAR — Coupons 14 to 29 (No. 3 book), 30 to 45 (No. 4 book) and 46 to 49 (No. 5 book), are now valid. Coupons 14 to 29 (No. 3 books) and 30 to 45 (No. 4 book) expire December 31st.

CANNING SUGAR — Coupons F1 to F10 (No. 3 book) are now valid for the purchase of sugar for home canning at one pound per coupon. If desired, they may be exchanged for preserves coupons on application to Local Ration Boards. These coupons expire December 31st.

EVAPORATED MILK — Applications for special coupons for the purchase of evaporated or partly skimmed evaporated milk for infant feeding or medical cases may be made to Local Ration Boards. All such applications for those over two years of age must be supported by medical certificates.

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One of the guests turned to a man by his side to criticize the singing of a woman who was trying to entertain them.

"What a terrible voice! Do you know who she is?"

"Yes," was the answer. "She's my wife."

"Oh, I beg your pardon. Of course it isn't her voice, really. It's the stuff she has to sing. I wonder who wrote that awful song?"

"I did," was the answer.

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NAZIS FIGHT FOR TIME TO STEM TIDE OF WAR

CURT RIESS, noted author and analyst, is on assignment in Europe as international correspondent for NEA and The Montreal Star. Author of such best-sellers as "The Nazis Go Underground" and "Total Espionage," Riess is recognized as an authority on German internal affairs. This exclusive story is his first dispatch since his arrival overseas.

London, (By Radio) — Countless indications justify the assumption that the Reich is preparing for a long and drawn-out war. Intelligence issuing from the Reich supporting such a belief is shared by some military experts here, but is reluctantly shared by the public.

Perhaps the projected meeting of the Big Three may have something to do with the new German plans to fight on—as grimly exemplified in the current Nazi counter-offensive—in the desperate hope that time and V-bombs will turn the tide of war in favor of Hitler.

Some time ago four British secret agents parachuted to Germany near the Baltic coast and posed as foreign workers. Found "politically reliable" by the Nazi authorities they were assigned to different working camps, then finally to one V-plant. Before the Gestapo got wise they managed to return to England. This one example of many shows that British Intelligence knows everything there is to know about the V-danger.

Constant bombing of plants and launching platforms as well as railways leading to them hamper the German V-bomb effort This is done not with an even pan and present random V-bombings without military value, but to forestall the possibility of a militarily effective use of new type V-bombs on the front.

In some degree, V-1 already is used on the Belgian front, but according to experts, the future may bring new models, employed as quasi-artillery, creating a quasi-no man's land between our lines and the Nazi fronts.

There is good reason for the belief that the Nazis are preparing a V-3 to be launched from mountain tops in Norway. Intelligence says they will prove hardly more accurate than their predecessors. But less accuracy is needed if they are directed against crowded front lines instead of the hinterland.

Whatever the military value, such plans indicate the decision of the Nazis to fight on, and probably will cause a long delay to the end of the war.

There are other indications that the Nazis are preparing a war of attrition. The Allies have discovered that the Germans have formed new spy schools behind the Italian front. Their purpose is training spies in crossing Allied lines, with refugees and returning with information. Several were caught and executed.

The assumption is permissible that similar activities are going on at the western front. Obviously such an arrangement would be senseless if the Nazis were resigned to fighting a retreating battle from now on.

Another indication that the Nazis have a more positive plan is German leadership. First German strategist, hardly would have retaken command if he believed the situation utterly hopeless. For the same reason, even more symptomatic is the report from Zurich that Hitler is again about to take over the high command.

Hitler will do everything he can to disconnect himself and the party from final defeat. Therefore he would leave military leadership to others if he were convinced that everything is lost.

Everything indicates that the Germans fight for time. In this connection it is interesting that they are preparing a new phase of air war, according to excellent information. The Nazis are supposed to be converting bombers into gas carriers filled with inflammable gas in order to start fires in and around strategic objectives. Here again the effect would be delaying. It seems in the realm of possibilities that the Nazis might send such bombers with suicide crews to America.

Another delaying weapon will be the return of the U-boat. Germany has experimented for years to improve her U-boats. The experiments took place in the Baltic. The Germans failed in their most important objective of increasing underwater speed.

However, Germany still possesses around 400 U-boats ready for battle. She possesses excellent bases near Bergen, Norway, blasted out of the mountains well protected by concrete, and far superior to other bases in France. Furthermore, the ingenuity of most of the crews still is exceedingly high and the Germans treat and feed them supremely to retain it.

Experience shows that while the U-boat is an immense nuisance and thus a delaying factor, it has no strategic value.

Summarizing, everything points to the Nazi wish to delay us. Their spy schools and the fact that U-boats are not yet employed indicate their belief that they have much time left.

Most experts believe that the main incentive for delaying tactics is the German hope that the Allies may disunited. There is a new German plan which may change the face of the war, this alone is reason for a speedy meeting of the Big Three.

In answer to a German "Heil Hitler!" a Dutchman replied, "Heil Rembrant! Heil Rembrandt!"

"What do you mean?" asked the German.

"Well," said the Dutchman, "he's our best painter."

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As the lion-tamer banged the door of the cage between his snarling charges and himself an admiring spectator spoke to him:

"Wonderful mastery you have over those savage beasts. How do you manage it?"

"Easy enough, sir," replied the tamer blandly, "if you keep on the right side of them."

"Ah, yes — but which is the right side of them?"

"Well, for myself, I reckon it's the outside."

"Strangers in Galilee"

BY FLIGHT-LIEUTENANT DON. MACMILLAN (AUTHOR OF "ONLY THE STARS KNOW")

The writer, an R.C.A.F. Public Relations officer stationed in the Middle East, visited Palestine recently. While there, he lived and flew with the Canadians who are stationed in that area and during his stay was impressed by the fact that the actual land area about which most of the Bible story is written covers only a relatively few miles.

In a modern aircraft, most of historic Palestine can be covered in a few hours. It is quite feasible, in fact, to see Jerusalem, Bethlehem, The Dead Sea, Jericho, and Nazareth in one afternoon, by air.

Thus, in training and other flights, the R.C.A.F. men stationed in Palestine become familiar with cities and places which prior to their coming there, were merely half-remembered names from their Sunday School days.

In this story of Canadians in the Holy Land, the writer has tried to capture the thoughts and reactions of the young men from the Dominion who, through the fortunes of war, have been thrust into the turmoil and cross currents which, unfortunately, are all too evident in this land which is sacred alike to the three faiths of Christianity, Moslemism and Jewry.

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The pilot dipped his wings and pointed down.
And there, below, our shadow moved across Megiddo.
Megiddo looked up and saw Canadian wings.
The crew smiled then and gave the thumbs-up sign.
They knew what was foretold that this was Armageddon.
That on this rocky, barren plain some-day would be fought the greatest battle of all time.
And these young men knew war.
They'd seen it; they were there
In England, France, and Egypt
Berlin, Stuttgart, Mersa, Tobruk
Naples, short years ago these were but names
Now they spelled death and blood and fear.
They had been boys. Now they were men;
Mature, wise, and nationalistic.
And yet, they gave the thumbs-up sign.
The thumbs-up sign! And they had learned of war in the lowly, haunted sky;
Where bits of steel come up to meet you and tear your kite to ribbons
And tear you too into your throat and stomach and head.
The cold and vaulted sky where fire spreads so fast you smelled scorched and burning flesh.
And knew that you were hit
The pilot shrugged his shoulders then and said:
"Okay, fellas let's bail out."
But not to stay.
To icy water or a hostile land

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And now they flew across the land where He had lived.
The contrast shook you.
You were at war and yet down there,
He cured the blind man.
And to the west was hallowed Acre
There, the Crusaders fought and died.
Hereinks knew Acre, too—the legend said.
And the Roman conquerors
And Napoleon
And to the east was Hittin
Hittin, where Saladin — wily, brave and cruel—maltreated the Crusaders to their death.
There they died on the hilly, wasted land not far from where
He delivered the Sermon On The Mount.
And north it was—at Safed — that
Blessed are they that mourn, for they shal'l be comforted."
And now it came to pass that these young boys saw more of this strange land than He.
In thirty years of service to the world.

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And guys like Mackie from Regina saw it now.
He had an American D.F.C.
And Charbonneau from Windsor; the thoughtful, scholar type.
And tall Mac Hudson — dark and curly-headed—who said
He came from Montreal.
And Hepburn of Oshawa—he lived on Simcoe Street.
And Sivell of Toronto's Rushton Road.

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Just to the south was Timmith where Samson slew the lion.
And, immediately, below was Nazareth.
Where Jesus came to worship.
And where, before that time, an angel came to say a child would soon be born;
A child to save the world.
Yes, that was Nazareth down there;
Where a famous supper, would be laid
And where—in those times as today—
There would be those who doubted;
Those who ask to see the scars.
And Canadian eyes, familiar now with death,—
Long years before that spectre should arise to cloud their vision—
Looked down on that brown land.
And sometimes, too, they flew to Latrun; sinners' mecca.
Latrun it was whence came the thief Turned to Christ.

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The aircraft travelled on and there, blue in the summer sun, was Galilee.
Quiet it was, like that time when He stilled the waters.
And, to the north, was Capernaum.
Not far from there, He did the miracle of the bread and fish;
And fed the multitude.
And, to the west, was the historic land where Saul and David fought the Philistines.
And mighty Saul lay dead because he would not live and
See his cause was lost.
To the north and east was Caesarea.
There, Peter made his great confession.

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And Canadian wings and eyes looked down and saw this land;
This storied land they'd learned of in their youth.
They saw it now as men
And, because they were not children now, this land, and what it stood for,
Meant much more.
Much more than it had meant when eager-eyed and childish—
They first had heard their teachers tell of Christ.
Christ and what He stands for are more real to men who've seen them happen
To Him when all seemed lost;
When no mortal man could pull their aircraft from a spin.
And seen—a miracle perhaps—their aircraft righted.
Miracles are more real to those who've seen them happen
These boys had seen them happen
They were there.

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And chaps like Broomfield from Alberta saw it now.
He had a D.F.M.
So did Davey from Ontario
He said his home was Durham

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And we flew on again another day
Canadian wings passed by the spot where Moses viewed the Promised Land.
The Promised Land: a land of milk and honey
And Canadian eyes looked down and saw the place.
And thought, then, of their own Promised Land.
They loved their land.
And yet, they sometimes wondered
They knew there was a difference
Between the promise and the deed
And now they lived and flew and sometimes died.
In this the Holy Land.
Yet it seemed fitting
Where better place for heroes than the soil where He was buried?
War made them think.
So did this land that was so ancient, yet so new.

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They looked below and saw Lake Phalla.
There it was that Christ gave warning of his coming death.
Johnston from Vancouver saw it now.
And guys from little places,
Like MacIntosh from Lumsden and that gunner from Carleton Place.
And the chaps from Lethbridge, Moncton, Charlottetown and Brandon.
And Chilliwack and Moose Jaw and Quebec
They came from all parts of their country
And they'd return determined now that no one spoil it.
They'd had their time abroad;
They knew the home they wanted.
And now they dipped their wings and saw historic Caza.
At Caza it was that Sampson—blind and near to death— destroyed his captors.
And there, below, is where He healed the leper.
And then, miles north, the place Apostle Paul declared his faith.
They'd been to Bethlar, too, and seen from high above
The Val'ey of Elan.
At Elan it was that David slew Goliath.

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David slew Goliath?
You thought of young Carruthers,
Some months ago he—the lone gunner in his aircraft—
Slew three Me 109's.
Prince Edward Island was his home.
A place called Montague.'
He got no D.F.C.
No recognition in the history of his land.
Yet there seemed, somehow, a parallel.

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The pilot banked again and there, below, lay Lydda.
Nead Lydda is the tomb of our St. George; the man who killed the dragon.
Until that time, you thought St. George a legendary figure.
Created by the English.
And now you found him sacred;
Sacred more to those of Moslem religion than your own.
That shook you.
The boys, too, found it strange.

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And those young men from Can-a-da (as the Jewish people there pronounce it) went some times to Jerusalem.
And there they found much more that made them think.
And some were disappointed
They said it was commercial.
And commercial it was.
And yet it seemed that tawdry money was a superficial thing.
And underneath it all there was significance.

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The boys from the Dominion were Catholic Protestant, Jew
And Baptist, yes, and Methodist and Presbyterian
And Orthodox this or that
They were these things because it was permitted that you be what you believed
And they saw this holy place Jerusalem—together.
Together they stood upon the Mount Of Olives.
They stood and saw a stone from which the guide said: Christ ascended into heaven
They saw there what was said to be His very footprint on a rock.
They thought it strange — the place should be a Moslem confession as one young cynic put it
I made them wonder.

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Then they passed on and saw All Nations Church
And the Garden of Gethsemane where He came to rest
They saw the site of Herod's hall chamber.
And the road on which He staggered with the cross.
And the place where Jerusalem's daughters wept.
And where He told them not to weep for Him
But for their children and their children's children
And that made sense

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They saw the Holy Sepulchre
They made no sound; just stood with hat in hand.
Quietly, the guide explained that here it was where He had died upon the Cross.
They later learned there was some doubt
Was it there as Christians said or "there" as Moslems had it that He had suffered His last agony?
It didn't matter, really.
The meaning was the same

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The church was beautiful
They were impressed.
They all felt, somehow, better;
And And glad they'd seen it

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And they saw Bethlehem, too
They saw the cave wherein (the guide said) He was born.
They saw the place wherein the mothers hid their children from a vengeful Herod.
They saw the Catholic shrine; the Moslem and Armenian poetion.
They saw the Protestant churchyard where lie the bones of the Crusaders.
And one among them thought that these young men could well be termed
Crusaders of today.

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They saw these things, and they returned to fly again.
They flew across a land now far removed from battle
And yet they knew that this was not for long;
The time would come when, once again they'd know the heat of battle.
But they'd be better fighters now.
When it was done, and they'd returned to the Dominion, they'd be much wiser than before.
They'd speak of all things sacred with a certain knowledge;
Enter a discussion with the statement:
'Yes, I saw it. I was there.'
Yes, they were there; they saw it.
They saw it not as pilgrims from afar who humbly trod the sacred soil to worship, but from above; as youthful gods.
Because they saw it thus, they saw it better.
They saw it not as old men who—world weary turn at last to sacred things for comfort.
They saw it with a mind still young enough to see and judge and confident to form its own opinion.
The grim realities of war—it seemed—had made them wise;
With shrewd perception quite beyond their years.
And looking down upon this ancient land, they saw a broader vision;

BRITAIN'S "NO SURRENDER" CIVILIANS

Britain's Home Guard are officially standing down; that is, out of action. Two million men, mostly elderly, have been relieved of their hard-won other occupation, their drilling and marching in their weekends and the nights given over to guard duty.

Their task is over. They have put off their khaki for the last time—and so have closed another inspiring chapter in the long story of this embattled island.

It is no new chapter — or rather it is a new chapter on an old theme. The Home Guard are in the true English tradition. They are heirs of the 16th century trained bands of Queen Elizabeth, of the volunteers, militia and Yeomanry who stood watch and ward while Napoleon like Hitler after him, glowered impotently over 140 years ago across the white cliffs of Dover.

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One night Mr. Anthony Eden, then Secretary for War, came to the microphone and called for local volunteers to take up what arms were available in face of the threatened invasion by the German Army.

Before he had finished speaking husbands and fathers in a hundred thousand homes had taken their hats and within a few minutes of the end of the radio talk the police stations of this country were besieged by a great multitude of men mostly old, or other forms of service, clamouring to join the new voluntary defence army.

Thus they began the L.D.V., or home-guard brothers-in-arms.

They flung themselves into the job of keeping Hitler's dirty feet off Britain's doorstep with whatever enthusiasm. You could see them drilling with broomsticks—they had little else—sweating away on long marches in their first civilian shoes, lying down in fields and gutters, firing away at an imaginary enemy with very imaginary weapons.

They had no uniforms—in those early days, but only an armband bearing the letters L.D.V.

They had little or no organization. They had nothing to sustain them but their courage—these men of 45 or 60, 70, and these boys of 16.

But they had something else. They had true comradeship. They were a happy band of brothers—officers and men together. They had an experience which comes to home-keeping men not more than once a century.

Later and inevitably, all this began to change.

The L.D.V.'s became the 'Home Guard' — the name an inspiration of Winston Churchill.

They were given khaki uniforms. They became 'organized' with paid adjutants and War Office supervision. The division between officers and other ranks became more marked.

There was more 'discipline' and 'spit and polish' — more drill and less exciting field exercise and street fighting—more parades and less individual initiative.

Later still, men began to be directed into the Home Guard if they were not engaged on other forms of war work, so that the original band of volunteers became heavened with a top-layer of conscripts.

But still the Home Guard retained their voluntary character right to the end. The vast majority were in it because they wanted to be there, and they stayed to the finish.

Many of the weapons possessed by the Home Guard were the .300 Enfield rifles saved from the last war, which were sent from America on a cash-and-carry basis when "Britain was almost literally without arms of any kind.

As Mr. Stettinius has graphically put it: 'A million empty hands reached eagerly for the rifles as Hitler hesitated across the Channel.' in July and August of 1940.

Those rifles were relinquished by the Regular Army as British factories got into their stride and turned out more modern weapons, but they were gratefully picked up by the Home Guard.

In the early days they relied extensively on Mootor cocktails' (cans bottles filled with explosive in case of use against tanks—but after guns like the Browning and submachine guns like the Thompson and the Sten — a machine-gun of which was turned out by the million.

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In Centreville Hall, Friday night, December 29th. Euchre 8:30-10:00 p.m. Nolan's Orchestra. Door prize, $5.00. Proceeds in favor of Prisoners-of-War box. Admission 59c., lunch included. 51bp

Much of French Countryside Unscarred

Actual physical damage to France caused by this war may be only about one-fourth of that which resulted from World War I.

Aside from the few coastal battlefields, the great portions of French cities and countryside is relatively unscarred. Not more than 100 destroyed vehicles could be counted on the entire road from Paris to Reims via either Soissons or Chateau Thierry. Veterans of the last war will be interested to know that this war of movement uses little of the desolation so familiar to them.

Without air power, the Nazis have been unable to form successive holding points across France. I have traversed the Seine and Marne valleys and parts of the Loire, Meuse and Oise. Except for the bridges destroyed by the Allies to paralyze German transport, the valleys are comparatively smiling.

Military targets such as air fields and marshalling yards, are an exception, of course, but they comprise small areas compared with battlefields of French warfare. Furthermore, the targets being knocked out by the terrific impact of great bombs instead of inconspicuous shells, the landscape around them shows few scars.

In visits to reconquered air fields in almost every part of France, this correspondent found their hangars, shops and factory facilities reduced to ruins by strategic bombings. Their runways and parking areas were pitted with craters. The inescapable conclusion is that the Luftwaffe was bombed out of the Western theatre of action, rather than shot out of it.

Hangar craters were refilled within a few hours after they were hit, of course, but with its maintenance and repair facilities and its fuel storage destroyed by Allied bombs and with transport unavailable, the German air force simply was unable to maintain a foothold in France. Consequently, the Luftwaffe fighter squadrons which went under the nickname of the "Abbeville Kids" were forced back into Germany, where, in due course, Allied long range fighters put them out of action.

An attempt to count destroyed German aircraft and stores of supplies at a great pre-war air field near Germany proved a failure. The enemy planes were in chaotic heaps. Long lines of hangars were flat or standing skeletons. The same conditions prevailed at Morlaix, Rennes, Laval Chartres, LeMans, Orleans and numerous other airdromes.

Examination of the wrecked enemy aircraft showed that the Germans held nothing back from the Luftwaffe in the way of high-class materials. There was evidence of shortages, such as re-chromed ball bearings, ersatz fabrics and wooden propellors on several fighter models. But the workmanship on the German aircraft was superb.

One outstanding weakness was noticeable. It was lack of development. Either the Germans decided they could neglect air power and still win, or, more likely, they decided that they had won and therefore needed no development. Smarter people than the Germans have made that mistake.

NAZI STAFF PLANNING WORLD WAR III

BY CURT REISS

Members of the German General Staff, among them the highest ranking officers in the German army, began three years ago to lay plans for World War III.

During Staff meetings in October and December, 1941, the generals decided the war against Russia could not be won, since the Wehrmacht had been unable to prevent the Russian army from being mobilized and deployed. Seeing themselves frustrated by the Panther in their attempt to order a general retreat they immediately set out to prepare for a future war, on the assumption that this one would eventually be lost.

This was in the beginning of 1942, at a time when the Germans held most of Europe, were hundreds of miles inside Russia, were sinking Allied shipping at a rate of a million tons per month and when much of the world considered Hitler all but unbeatable.

A special department in the General Staff began to devote itself to making plans for a future war. It is called FB (Frontbereitschaft), and is headed by Lt.Gen. Hasso Schultz, with Lt.-Col. Richard vonKielst, a cousin of Marshal von Kielst, executive secretary. Department FB, which had branches in every occupied country in Europe, concentrated chiefly on influencing public opinion in occupied countries and in countries to be occupied.

Then, at the beginning of 1942, its goal, and necessarily its strategy changed. General Schultz was no longer interested in influencing people in the occupied countries. What he and his department were now interested in was told in a report prepared by General Otto von Stuelnagel, military commander of Paris, who headed one of the branches of Department FB. the one called FBF (Frontbereitschaft Frankreich).

This report was made in March, 1942. Later parts of it were copied by agents of the French underground smuggled out of France and published in the French paper Combat in Algiers. Only a few weeks ago a copy of the entire report was discovered in France and brought to the attention of French and Allied authorities.

Examination and analysis of the document — which may well be considered the program or platform of Department FB, now and in the future— discloses the following:

1 The General Staff does not think that a defeat now will have any serious repercussions as far as the German future is concerned. "A temporary defeat is not great tragedy."

2 The present defeat can be made a temporary defeat if the last years of the war (from 1942 on) are used to destroy as much equipment and manpower as possible of the other peoples in Europe. In short, a status must be reached where the Germans "have economic and mechanical potentialities that are greater than the enemy's."

"With . . . the human lives we have annihilated (two generations), with the destruction of neighboring industries and with what we have received from our own industries, we shall be in a better position to win the war twenty-five years from now than we were in the summer of 1939."

3 The General Staff does not fear that hard peace terms it believes that such a peace will not be enforced by the Allied nations. "We do not have to fear any unbearable conditions to those we could have imposed, for our enemies will always be divided and disunited. We must even strive to sow the seeds of future dissension in the next peace treaty."

4 But even if the Allies do try to enforce severe conditions "similar to those which we would have imposed," nothing will be achieved if the German people as a whole resist attempts at enforcement. It is therefore one of the main tasks of the General Staff to get the German people to co-operate in this sense— that is, not to co-operate with the Allies. Tere General von Stuelpnagel goes into details.

5 The German General Staff is willing enough to return some works of art which were stolen from the Allies with "a few Batallions of workers." Also "some out-of-date machinery" may be given up. But the General Staff intends to keep most of the goods stolen from other countries, maintaining that they "were destroyed when the Allies bombed Germany." In order to carry through this plan, the General Staff has already prepared "civil cases" confused records of the loot destroyed by British and American bombs." Furthermore, "we must also keep all our assets in foreign countries and we must immediately take the necessary steps so that no United National armistice committee can ever find them."

These quotations from the Stuelpnagel report are but a small part of a general outline agreed upon in March, 1942. Since then Department FB has busily been trying to put into practice the Stuelpnagel ideas.

Thus we find a direct line leading from the end of World War II to a prospective World War III. Von Stuelpnagel himself represents the link between World War I and World War II. It has been almost completely forgotten that, as a major stationed in Belgium during the last war, he made committed countless crimes against the civilian population. He was included in a list of German officers whose heads the Allies forgot, but "lies, were supposed to be turned over to the Allies for punishment.

While the Allies forgot about him, Stuelpnagel forgot nothing. After the end of the last war he founded a League of Former German Officers, which in turn drew up a list of Allied officers who had committed "shameful crimes." Stuelpnagel actually demanded that these Allied officers be turned over to an international court presided over by Germany.

General von Stuelpnagel is, of course, only one of many. He is not a typical Nazi; he is a typical German General Staff officer. These officers of the General Staff will be potentially much more dangerous to the peace of the world than the out-and-out Nazis.

These officers— as distinguished from the Nazi fanatics who will be outlawed and in no position to plot revenge— have kept their mouths shut. Therefore little news of their three - year - old plan has reached the outside world.

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AMERICA'S STAKE IN BRITISH PROSPERITY

FROM THE BRITISH INFORMATION SERVICE

There are two elementary physical facts about Great Britain which have a decisive effect on the prosperity and security of the United States. They are (1) Britain is an island (about the size of Minnesota) off the northwest coast of Europe; (2) it contains relatively little in the way of natural raw material resources.

There is not much that America or anyone else can do to change these two facts. But there are many others which are more changeable. Whether they will be shaped to the good or ill for America's national interest, depends, to a large degree on America's own actions. These changeable factors are: (3) Great Britain contains, despite its meagre natural resources, a population of 47 million people; (4) it is intensely industrialized (80 per cent. of the population live in cities and towns); (5) it is the world's (including America's) biggest customer; (6) it is a great naval, military and air power.

In simplest terms, the importance of Britain to America's national interest is three-fold—(a) as a customer (b) as a base for military operations in Europe, if they become necessary for the defence of the United States; (c) as a powerful military ally.

That no other country fills this bill is obvious from the facts and the history of the last few years.

As a customer, Britain bought American exports totalling $521 million in 1938. In pre-war years she was consistently the biggest foreign customer of the United States. The next biggest was Canada, which bought $418 million in 1938. Third biggest was Japan which bought only $240 million. Britain is, in fact, so big a customer that economists agree that her purchases or lack of them are enough to tip the balance between prosperity and slump in America.

As a military base, Britain is the only piece of land in friendly hands, big enough and within reach of the Continent of Europe (and also able or willing to provide the necessary facilities), on which a large American force can assemble for launching an attack. Britain is thus America's eastern frontier and first line of defence.

As a powerful military ally, Britain is the only country which, at the same time, is easily reachable from the United States, and has industrial plants and techniques, (and therefore war-potential) comparable for its size, to America's own. It is also the only country with a world-encircling system of bases and defence out-posts.

These values to America are all dependent upon the relationship that is maintained between those exchangeable factors mentioned above.

Despite the quite extraordinary exertions of British farmers during the war, it is impossible for Britain to feed herself from her own farms (and any attempt by her to do so would have unfavourable results for her exporting American farmers). She must under normal peacetime circumstances, import the greater part of her food. Before the war she imported two-thirds of it, a figure which has been cut down to one-third during the war. Britain is thereby one of the great markets for the world's farmers.

To pay for these huge food imports Britain must, of course, obtain a great deal of the currency of the countries from which she buys them. To do so she must sell to them — that is, she must export.

Britain has three kinds of exports. Of raw material she possesses only one in considerable quantity — coal. She has many services — the "invisible exports" — which help her obtains foreign currency; shipping, banking, insurance, etc. She has also had investments in most countries (these have been depleted by a time liquidation) the dividends from which were paid in the currencies of those countries. But most valuable export of all is, of course, the output of Britain's factories.

In order to export industrial products, raw materials must be imported, as well as semi-finished and finished parts from other countries. Britain is also one of the great markets of fthe world's raw material-producing and industrial countries.

It is conceivable that Britain might develop an entirely different kind of economy that would not be so dependent on exports and imports. Suppose that, over a period of some years the force of circumstances compelled a large part of her population to emigrate, until only about say 10 million remained. Britain might then maintain a fairly prosperous society, mainly agricultural and living off the products of her own farms. Then she would need relatively little export and import trade.

Such a Britain, of course, would be useless to the United States. Both commercially and militarily it it had existed in 1940 the Germans would have overrun it as easily as they overran Denmark. There would be neither enough manpower to resist, and there would not have been the industries to produce the tanks and aircraft necessary. Nor could there have been a British Navy and Merchant Service to bring the weapons from America.

Thus the only way for Britain to be of value to the United States is for her to continue to have a large population and her great, enterprising industrial economy. And the only way she can maintain these is for her to have immense export markets for her goods, services and investments, as well as the means of access to them — shipping and airlines.

So it is clear that it is to the interest of both Britain and America that Britain should be a prosperous, well - populated, industrial nation serving extensive export markets. British and American national self-interests are thus identical and complementary. Here is the really solid and unsentimental basis for continued co-operation between the two countries, after the war.

The emphasis, however, must be on the word "national". For obviously there are certain particular localities and industries in both Britain and America, in which the particular self-interest conflicts with the national self-interest.

These will, as is only natural, by nationalization, identity their particular interest as the national interest, and they will exert all the pressure at their command on the British and American bodies politic to protect it, even to the detriment of the good of the nation as a whole.

There lies, in all probability, the greatest danger to Britain and America continuing to serve each other's mutual good after the war ends.

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BRITISH SCIENTISTS TAKE A BOW

A variety of important disclosures made recently are of exceptional interest to students of the development and operation of heavy bombers. Reports have been published of new scientific devices, new bombs and new tactics, which can be combined to achieve a great increase in bomber efficiency. British scientists and British industry are largely responsible for the invention and manufacture of these new devices and new weapons.

The most important device is the 'magic eye' which enables Allied heavy bombers to find and attack their targets even when completely cloud obscured. In consequence they are now able to attack objectives in weather conditions which two or three years ago would have made accurate air attack impossible. Since there are so many occasions in Europe when heavy clouds prevail there were in the past frequent long spells when pin-point bombing of German industry was impossible.

By overcoming the weather difficulty, the new devices have made possible the enormous increase in day and night precision attacks, while the cloud conditions have hampered enemy defences both by day and by night and have consequently reduced Allied losses.

At the same time the R.A.F. weight of attack per aircraft despatched has also continued to mount. Here the British bombers have an advantage over the Fortresses and Liberators, owing to the fact that they are constructed to carry bombs of a much heavier calibre. The 4,000-lb. bomb has been followed first by the 8,000-pounder and now by the new 12,000-lb. bomb. These three British-made bombs are still carried exclusively in the bombings of British-made aircraft.

Now that Bomber Command are employing the 12,000-lb. blast bomb, the rate of destruction in Germany should show a further increase, since the explosive effect is some nine times that of 4,000-lb. bomb.

Increased weight of bombs and greatly increased strength both of the British and American heavy bomber forces is ensuring an ever-mounting total of monthly deliveries. All the same, however good the devices, the success of the heavy bomber still depends to an enormous extent on the human element.

That great operational innovation the 'Master of Ceremonies' as he was originally called, has enormously increased the success of precision bombing both strategic and tactical, blind or visual. The Master Bomber checks and corrects throughout the attack, making sure that the bombing is concentrated in the proper area.

There have been many occasions when he has stopped the attack and relaid the markers to make quite certain that the target was properly covered. His constant devotion to duty under extremely hazardous conditions has frequently turned what might have been a failure into an outstandingly successful attack.

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HEAVY WAR DAMAGE TO BRITISH CHURCHES

Washington. — Britain's artistic heritage has suffered more damage on the whole from the war than has that of France or Italy, Francis H. Taylor, director of the New York Metropolitan Museum of Art, has reported, Mr. Taylor is a member of the American Commission for the Protection and Salvage of Artistic and Historic Monuments in War Areas and Commission for the Subcommittee on the restitution of looted works of art.

In England, 4,000 historic churches have been damaged; 2,800 have been destroyed! Damage to other public monuments has been widespread. Of Britain's famed cathedrals, Exeter, one of the finest examples of Middle Gothic architecture, was the most "special damaged Mr. Taylor reported. Reports indicate, he added, that only at Rouen and Benevento have any of the great cathedrals of France and Itay been damaged to such an extent. Three high explosives dropped near by rocked Canterbury Cathedral, but did not damage it too severely. However, British historians are concerned lest blast damage has threatened the life expectancy. Wells Cathedral received a direct hit, but damage was not as great as might be expected.

All the great Christopher Wren churches in London have been seriously damaged — St. Brides, St. Giles Cripple Gate, St. Mary le Bow among them — and many have been destroyed. St. James Piccadilly was virtually destroyed 92 a bomb and nearly all of the Grinling Gibbons Seventeenth Century woodcarvings were lost. Most of the Nineteenth Century buildings have been hit at some time or another during the last four years, but of these has been no loss of the collections.

While, collections of rare editions from London's libraries were stored safely away against enemy attack, some working libraries are a total loss. Serious damage was done to the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Century newspaper files and the working libraries of art and archeology. With the almost total destruction of Holland House, many great collections were ruined, including invaluable manuscripts.

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NAVAL METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE

London — Before the Allied Armies landed in Normandy, naval weather experts, after months of research were able to predict to the nearest foot the mean height of the breakers along any given stretch of the Normandy coast, and how that height would fluctuate with change in force and direction of the wind. These experts are attached to the Naval Meteorological Service of the Royal Navy.

Up to the time of the landings the weather had been very unsettled, with the prospect of even worse conditions to come. It is doubtful if General Eisenhower would have ordered the assault had he not been assured by the Naval Meteorological Service that the waves would temporarily fall below the critical height. The experts' investigation into the question of wave structure was partly responsible for the Normandy coast being chosen for the assault.

Similarly, they predicted weather conditions for the time of the North African landings. Because of their work, the assault was launched on one of the few days in November 1942, when conditions were really favourable for the operation.

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ROCKET PROPULSION UNITS

London — Rocket propulsion units are being used by the Royal Navy to assist carrier-borne aircraft to get off in short winds, with heavier loads and at greater speeds than formerly. These rockets, containing cordite, are mounted on the aircraft in two groups, one on either side of the fuselage. Each group consists of from one to four rocket-tubes, the number varying according to the type of aircraft and the weight of the load carried.

The aircraft starts its take-off run in the ordinary way, and the pilot fires the rockets on reaching an optimum point which is marked and determined from a graph. All rockets are fired simultaneously. They give an assisted take-off lasting about four seconds until all the cordite is expended. The rockets and carriers are then jettisoned.

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Selby, 7:30 p.m., Evening Worship

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FRANCE FIGHTS BLACK MARKET

Paris — The French Government is putting up a stiff fight to control prices of food and other commodities but shortage of goods so far has made any price ceiling ineffectual.

George Boris, director of the ministry of economic planning, said in an interview there is 'strict' price control of such articles as food, clothing and bicycles, but he added: 'There can be no effective price control until France can increase her imports.'

Near his office on the Champs Elysees these articles sell for fantastic prices. A restaurant meal usually costs a minimum of 500 francs ($10) without wine or trimmings a smart dress at least 10,000 francs ($200) and a second-hand bicycle fetches from 5,000 to 10,000 francs.

'Up to a certain extent the 'price control is efficient,' said M. Boris. 'Since the occupation the selling of goods on the black market has been greatly reduced. But the b'ack market will exist and will continue to get inflation prices for goods as long as the shortage of these goods is so severe.

'Government departments lack the personnel to make price control effective. If black market activities were stopped there would be a fairer distribution, but to do this we need more effective control machinery, better police and more widespread education of the people.'

Using butter as an example, he said that some farmers in Normandy were withholding butter from the government collectors to sell it to the black market. Controlled price of butter is about 40 cents a pound; the black market price is between $3 and $4.

'Re-education of the farmer is necessary to prevent this,' said M. Boris. 'Under the occupation the black market was not morally wrong. People thought they were helping to defeat the Germans by this means of evading rationing. Also by buying foodstuffs in the black market they were preventing them going to Germany.

'It is necessary now to change the mentality of people who have grown accustomed to doing illegal things for patriotic reasons.'

When the Allies first entered Paris the restaurants were closed because all the food supplies were being diverted to the people. Gradually the restaurants opened their doors with sky-high prices. The cafe owners denied food at the controlled market, had gone to the black market and their prices reflected what they paid for the food.

Since for civilians in Paris the only transportation is the infrequent Metro and a few bus lines, bicycles are a necessity and can still be bought on the black market. The controlled price of a bicycle, although they are not available on the controlled market is 1,800 francs. On the black market the price varies from 5,000 to 10,000 francs.

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WEDDING BELLS

RICHMOND — SOUTH

A quite yet interesting wedding was solemnized at the United Church Parsonage, Selby, on Tuesday, December 26th, 1944, when Miss Marguerite Sarah South, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Allan South, Camden Township, was united in marriage to Mr. William Daniel Richmond, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Richmond, of Roblin. The Rev. W. R. Merrick officiated at the ceremony.

THOMPSON — COPELAND

A quiet wedding was solemnized on Saturday, December 2nd, at 3 p.m. in the United Parsonage, Bath, Ont., when Annie Lydia, youngest daughter of Mrs. Pauline Copeland and the late William Copeland, of Mc-Creary, Manitoba, was united in marriage to Joseph Ayed, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Ayed Thompson, of Bath. The Rev. James Robinson officiated.

The bride wore a street length dress of Earth Blue aduca-weave rayon with black accessories and a corsage of Talisman roses.

She was attended by her groom's sister, Miss Edith Thompson, of Kingston, who wore a street length dress of Pigeon rose aduca-weave rayon with black accessories and a corsage of Briar Cliff roses.

The groom was attended by his cousin, Mr. George Smith, of Bath.

A buffet supper was served at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Wm. Briscoe, to about 20 guests.

The young couple left by car for a short trip to Oshawa and Toronto.

EVANS — SAGRIFF

A pretty wedding was solemnized on Saturday, November 4th, 1944, at Grace United Church, Nanaee, when Rev. C. D. McLellan united in marriage, Mildred, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Sagriff, of Moscow, and L.A.C. John Douglas Evans, son of Mrs. W. Drinkle and the late Francis Evans, of Midland.

The bride wore a floor length dress of white sheer over white satin, with shoulder length veil, the veil being held in place by small white roses. She wore silver slippers and white gloves. Her bouquet was of American Beauty roses and Lily-of-the-Valley.

The bride was attended by Miss Isobel Moore who wore a street length gown of pink sheer with white accessories and carried American Beauty roses.

The groom was supported by his brother William Marshall Evans, of the R.C.N.

The groom's gift to the bride was a string of pearls and to the bridesmaid, a lapel locket and to the groomsmana bill fold.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the Superior Restaurant for about 20 guests.

The happy couple left for a honeymoon at Western points, the bride travelling in a deep rose dress with black accessories. They will reside in Napanee.

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PERSONALS

It is the desire of the publishers that all should take an interest in this column of "The Beaver." If you have friends visiting you, or are going away for a trip, leave word or send the information on a Post Card.

Mr. A. B. Fennell, Toronto, spent the past week at the home of his sister, Mrs. Alpine Woods.

Miss Mary Cavanaugh, Picton, Miss Helena Cavanaugh, Montreal, and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Cavanaugh, of Toronto, were Christmas guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Cavanaugh.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sikth spent Christmas in Cobourg.

Mrs. Garfield Sills and Miss Doris Sills were recent week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis McFaul, Wellington. Miss Sills was guest soloist at the United Church Morning service.

Mrs. A. D. Snider is spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Ted Anderson, Trenton.

Mrs. P. D. Cameron and two daughters, Betty and Patsy, of Little Britain, spent last week with Rev. P. D. Cameron, in Napanee.

Mrs. G. H. Anderson, who has been in Beloeil, Que., for several weeks, with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Miller, returned to her home in Napanee last week. She was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Miller will remain in town for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Bassett spent Christmas in Brantford with Mrs. Bassett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Skace.

Mrs. Robert K. Templeton, widow of Capt. Robert K. Templeton, who was killed in action in France a few months ago, arrived in Canada a few days before Christmas and is the guest of her mother-in-law, Mrs. W. A. Templeton, in Toronto.

Miss Mary Galbraith, Toronto, is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. T. M. Galbraith.

Mrs. George Miller is spending the Christmas holidays in London, with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Day.

Mrs. John Vine celebrated her 91st birthday, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Switzer came to Newburgh Sunday, December 17, to be with her mother and attend the funeral of their uncle, Albert Clancy.

Mrs. C. N. Titford Toronto, arrived in Newburgh Saturday, December 16th to spend Christmas with her children, Billy and Beverley, and her mother, Mrs. S. G. Shier.

Major Reginald Wiseman, Ottawa, spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wiseman.

Miss Louise VanLuven, who has been in Victoria, B.C., for some months, arrived in town before Christmas to spend some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. VanLuven.

Mr. and Mrs. Day, London, spent Christmas with Mrs. Day's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Detlor, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Hooper.

Wren Mary McTaggart, of Ottawa, spent Christmas at her home in Napanee.

Miss Edith Allison, Ottawa, is spending the Christmas holidays at the home of her sister Mrs. C. B. Creighton.

Mr. A. B. Fennell, Toronto, has been the guest for the past week, of his sister, Mrs. Alpine Woods.

Jack Miller, Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Miller, for the Christmas holidays.

Lieutenant and Mrs. R. Thomson, of Toronto, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Luke Young for the Christmas holidays. They left on Wednesday to spend New Year's at Ottawa, with Lieut. Thomson's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. William Gale, of Toronto, were Christmas guests of Mrs. Gale's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ballard.

L.A.C. Glen Henderson, R. C. A. F., Aylmer, Ont., also A.C. Behrns of Aylmer, spent Christmas with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Henderson, Mount Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Herrington, of Trenton, were guests for Christmas of Mr. Herrington's parents Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Herrington.

Mrs. Margaret Rogers and daughter Mary, of Toronto, are spending the Christmas holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Wilson, Centre Street.

David Beattie, Trinity College School, Port Hope, is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. H. J. Beattie.

Wren Dorothy Reid, Montreal, and Miss Mary Reid, Toronto University, were Christmas guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Reid.

Fred (Bennie) Ballard, Toronto, spent Christmas at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ballard.

Pte. Ellen Morgan, W.A.A.C. of Kingston, spent Christmas in Napanee.

Miss Marguerite Curry, of Ottawa, is home with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Frank Curry, for the holiday season.

Captain Godfrey Paul, of Vancouver General Hospital, is spending the Yuletide season with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Paul, Dundas Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Herrington, Toronto, were Christmas guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Henderson and Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Herrington.

Pte. Hughie Sharpe, of Barrielfield, was home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Sharpe for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Lorne Miller, Jr., of Beloeil, Que., spent Christmas in town with his wife, at the home of Mrs. Miller's mother, Mrs. G. H. Anderson, and with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Miller.

Mr. Mac Smith, Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, is spending the Christmas vacation with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. H. W. Smith.

Miss Helen Reid, Macdonald College, Ste. Anne de Bellevue, Quebec, is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Reid.

Messrs. Jack Wilson and Grant Wilson, of Toronto, are Christmas guests at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Wilson, Centre Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Harrington, of Belleville, spent Christmas at the home of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Colborne Harrington.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Dowdle were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Hughes, Newburgh on Thursday evening, Dec. 21. Later in the evening they and Mr. and Mrs. Hughes called at the rectory Camden East, and had baby Joyce Irene Dowdle baptized by the Rev. Canon Spencer.

Corpl. H. E. McIlroy and Mrs. McIlroy returned to Truro, N.S., Tuesday, after spending the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Uens, Strathcona, and Mr. and Mrs. Isaac McIlroy, Battersea.

Miss Mildred Hart, Ajax, Ontario, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Webster Smiths' Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Merle Hart of Bath, Mr and Mrs. Morvel Hart of Croydon, Mr. and Mrs. G. Harrington of Belleville and Mr. and Mrs. Colborne Harrington, Napanee, were the guests on Christmas Day of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Hart, Roblin.

S.B.A. Harold Wilson, R.C.N. Cornwallis, spent his Christmas leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Wilson, Centre Street.

Miss N. May Hawley is spending a week in Cobourg, with her niece, Mrs. Clark.

Miss Florence Goodman, Belleville, is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Goodman.

Dr. and Mrs Malbolm Corkill and son, spent Christmas with Dr. Corkill's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Corkill.

Miss Bessie Aylsworth, Amherstburgh, is spending the Christmas vacation with her sister. Miss Eleanor Aylsworth.

Mr. and Mrs. Aulmire Currie of Kingston, spent Christmas with their respective parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Currie and Mr. and Mrs. W. Goodman.

Miss Elizabeth Taylor of Toronto, was home for Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matt. Taylor.

Miss Gertrude Davern, Ottawa, spent the Christmas week end with her mother, Mrs. Annie Davern.

Flying Officer and Mrs. W. A. Calvert, Ottawa, spent Christmas with Mrs. Calvert's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Hart.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Dupre returned last Thursday from Toronto, where they spent three weeks with their son, Delbert Dupre.

Staff Sergt. Chris. Taylor, Toronto, spent her Christmas leave with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matt. Taylor.

Lieut.-Col. W. D. Graham, Angler, Ontario, spent Christmas with his wife in Napanee.

Miss Olive Hambly spent Christmas in Toronto, with Dr. and Mrs. Karl Hollis.

Mr. Pat Nolan, Ottawa, was the Christmas guest of his sisters, Miss Mary and Miss Margaret Nolan.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Pybus and Ted, of St. Catharines, spent the Christmas holiday with Mrs. G. H. Vanalstine.

Miss Elsie Henderson, of the Department of Health, Ottawa, spent the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Henderson, Mount Pleasant.

Pte. Luella Asselstine of the C. W. A. C. and Miss Mae Asselstine of Toronto, spent the Christmas week end at their home in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Galt and little son, Joe, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Galt on Sunday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hunter and Mr. and Mrs. Leone Spencer and son, Jack, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Herb. White, at Stilleville.

Mr. and Mrs S. R. Henderson, Bobbie and Jane, of Fort Erie, are spending a few days with Mrs. Henderson's mother, Mrs. Asselstine, Centre Street.

Mr. and Mrs Maurice Galt and little son, Joe and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Galt and Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. George Ellis, and little Carolyn, of Napanee, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Galt at Bath. Mr. R. J. Galt is recuperating after his recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Campbell and twin sons, of Falconbridge, are Christmas holiday guests of Mrs. Campbell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Elliott.

Flying-Officer Jack Cooke and A. S. O. Claire Connell of St. John's, Que., were holiday guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Cooke.

Sergt. A. G. Kenneth Thompson is spending a month's leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Thompson, Isabella Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Root, Stratford, Miss Marion Stevens, Weston and Miss Myrtle Stevens, Toronto, accompanied the body of their sister, Miss Ada Stevens, to Napanee, on Wednesday.

Lieut. Don. Nicol, R.C.N.V.R. 'Cornwallis', spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Nicol.

Mr. Jack Thompson Telegraph Office, Trenton Airport, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Thompson, Isabella Street.

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. MacKay, Montreal, were Christmas week-end guests of Mrs. MacKay's mother, Mrs. Geo H. Challies and Mr. Challies.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mellow spent Christmas in Toronto.

Mr. Repp, Burlington, Vermont spent Christmas with his wife, at the home of her mother, Mrs. Melvin Taylor.

Mrs. Archie Thompson, Isabella St., received flowers cabled from her son, Tpr. Franklin Thompson, from Holland.

Miss Harriet Madden, Toronto, and Miss Sarah Madden, Kingston, were with their parents, Judge and Mrs. J. E. Madden, for Christmas.

Mrs. R. E. Hunter had the misfortune to break her wrist on Christmas night.

Miss Constance Grange, New York, is with her sister, Miss Helen Grange for a short visit.

Mrs. Harry Steacy, Toronto, is spending a week in town.

Mr. Maurice Madden, Lindsay, spent the Christmas week end with his mother, Mrs. J. H. Madden.

Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey Bartlett, of Montreal, and their daughter, Mrs. Don Campbell, spent Christmas with Mrs. Bartlett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Waller. Mrs. Campbell recently received word that her husband had been wounded overseas.

Mr. C. W. Buchanan spent Christmas with his mother at Thamesville.

Sgt. Harry Robinson, R.C.A.F., of Ottawa, spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. T. V. Anderson.

L.A.C. Bruce Thompson of Halifax, spent his Christmas leave with his wife and family.

Miss Eleanor Paul, Ottawa, was home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Paul, for Christmas.

Miss Jean Gibbard, Toronto, spent Christmas with her mother, Mrs. G. H. Challies, and Mr. Challies.

Telegrapher Mac VanLuven, R.C.N. from the East Coast to spend Christmas with his grandmother, Mrs. G. M. Neely.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Woodcock, Kingston, spent Christmas with Mrs. Woodcock's mother, Mrs. W. H. Coates.

Mr. Arthur Mackinnon spent the Christmas holidays in town with his mother, Mrs. W. K. Huston.

Mr. and Mrs. Buckley, Toronto, are guests at the home of Mrs. Buckley's mother, Mrs. J. E. Miller.

Leading Wren Thelma Watters of Vancouver, and Leading Wren Katharine Weiss of Toronto, spent their Christmas leave as guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Weiss.

The Late Clarke Peters

Following an illness of about two years' duration, the death occurred on Sunday morning, December 24th, of Clarke Washington Peters, at the home of his nephew, Harold Peters, River Road.

Mr. Peters was in his 66th year. He was born at Collins Bay, and had been a resident of the Napanee district all his life. He was a member of the United Church.

He is survived by his wife, three sisters, Mrs. Gordon Hewitt-even, Belleville; Mrs. Wesley Miller, Rochester, and Mrs. Cadman, Napanee, and by two brothers, Charles Peters, Wellington, and William Peters, Napanee.

The funeral service was conducted at the Tierney Funeral Home at 2:00 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, December 27th, by Rev. K. J. Crawford, of Conway.

The pallbearers were Messrs. Thes. Gurren, George Gurren, Clarence Baird, Arthur Galt, William Hill and Bird Elliott.

Interment will take place at Sandhurst cemetery.

The Late Mrs. Henry Neely

Mrs. Henry Neely, a well known resident of Napanee, passed away at her home on Thomas Street on Monday, December 18th, after a prolonged illness.

Mrs. Neely, before her marriage, was Keitha Augusta Osborne, of Melrose. Following her marriage she went to Lembert, Sask., where she remained a few years until the death of her husband, after which she came to Napanee to make her home with her brother, Charles Osborne.

While in Napanee she was a member of Grace United Church and took an active part in the W. A., W. M. S., Sunday School, and other organizations.

Christmas Party For Employees At Hotel Paisley

Miss Kirby, manager at the Hotel Paisley, was hostess at a surprise party on Wednesday evening, December 27th, for all the employees of the hotel.

The party began at 8:15 p.m. when a turkey dinner was served at a long table, gay with Christmas decorations, candles and place cards. Christmas gifts were distributed to all the guests, who greatly appreciated the generosity and kindness of the manager.

The Late Fred T. Thompson

After only ya few minutes warning, Fred T. Thompson passed away suddenly at his home, corner of Mill and West Streets on Christmas night, as the result of a cerebral hemmorrhage.

He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. David Thompson and was born at Arden, but has spent most of his life in Napanee.

For some years he was employed at The Gilbard Furniture Shop, but more recently had been at the Aluminum plant in Kingston.

He is survived by his wife, formerly Nettie Bowen, and by one son, Frank Thompson, Thomlea, Ontario, and one daughter, Mrs. Warren Allen, Kingston. He also leaves two sisters, Mrs. Harold Brown, Cobourg, and Mrs. Clifford Moore, Napanee.

His funeral was held on Thursday afternoon at his late residence with Rev. C. D. McLellan, minister of Grace United Church, in charge. The body was placed in the vault for burial in the Spring.

In Loving Memory

HAWLEY — In loving memory of our dear husband and father, James B. Hawley, who passed away suddenly one year ago December 27, 1943.

He did not fail to do his best
His heart was true and tender.
He bade no one a last farewell.
He said good-bye to none.
The heavenly gates were opened wide
A loving voice said "Come"

Sadly missed by his
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KIRKPATRICK—Memory's loving tribute to Mr. Robert Kirkpatrick who passed away January 14th, 1938, baby Neil Calder, December 11 1938, and Bruce Calder, January 7, 1943.

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BALDWIN — In loving memory of Mrs. E. M. Baldwin, who passed away December 27th, 1943.

Dearest mother, we miss you so.
Since you left us, one year ago.
Since you passed on, up the golden stair.
To be with father, waiting there.
Since May of Nineteen Twenty-nine
Now more than ever a father was fine.
Now two lawait, instead of one.
Beckoning upward, leading us on.
As Love liberally and makes bright
the faces that we see.
Smiling at us from the mirror of memory.
Sorely missed by
DAUGHTERS and SON
and FAMILIES
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BIRTHS

PARKS — At the Campbell Nursing Home, Napanee, on Sunday, December 24th, 1944, to Mr. and Mrs. Rockwell Parks, R.R. 3, Napanee, a son, Archibald Wayne, a brother for Marilyn.

MARRIAGES

SMITH - RUSSELL — At Petrolea, Ont., on December 23rd, 1944, by the Reverend F. W. Croik, Mabel M. Russell, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Bruce Russell, of Napanee, Ont., to William Smith of Peterborough, Ont.

DEATHS

SMITH — Entered into rest at Belleville, Ont., on Wednesday, December 20th, 1944, Arnold E Smith, of Oshawa, Ont., formerly of Napanee and Enterprise.

MACBETH — Entered into rest at Kingston General Hospital, Wednesday, December 20th, 1944, Rose Macbeth, beloved widow of the late Thomas Macbeth.

PETERS — Entered into rest at the residence of his nephew, Harold Peters, River Road, on Sunday, December 24th, 1944, Clarke Washington Peters, beloved husband of Ellen M. McNabb, in his 66th year.

STEVENS — Entered into rest at Toronto, on Saturday, December 23rd, 1944, Ada May Stevens.

THOMPSON — Entered into rest at his late residence, West Street, in Napanee on Monday, December 25, 1944, Frederick T. Thompson.

HUDSON — Entered into rest at Hamilton Hospital, on Tuesday, December 19th, 1944, Harold Hudson, son of Mr. Irvine Hudson, formerly of Deseronto.

The funeral service was conducted at the Wartman Funeral Home at 2:00 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon by her minister, Rev. C. D. McLellan. Interment will be made in Melrose cemetery.

Surviving to mourn the loss of a dear sister are one brother, Charles, of Napanee, and two sisters.

The pallbearers were F. L. Hooper, John Cragg, Frank Clarke, F. B. Elliott, W. S. Sills, and Jeff Bradshaw.

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OBITUARY

THE LATE A. E. CLANCY

Albert Edward Clancy, eldest son of Patrick Clancy and Mary Ann Clancy of Newburgh died at his home Sunday December 10, 1944 after an illness. Death came as a surprise to friends around and attended the funeral service Conducted by Rev. Canon Spencer on Tuesday, December 12th. He was active and interested in politics. He was a life member of the Royal Arch Masons of Napanee.

One brother, Dr. J. P. T. Clancy, of Semans, Sask. predeceased him. His wife, Maggie Ford Wilson, nee in 1905, Agnes, nee son, Ford, who lives in Victoria, British Columbia. Left to mourn his loss are his son Paul Clancy and two grandsons Paul and Peter of Victoria, B.C., two brothers, Dr. Gordon Clancy, Montreal, Miss Frank Clancy of Lindsay, Ont., and five sisters, Mrs. A. B. Watson, Mission City, B.C., Mrs. Grace Close, Roxton Bank, Mrs. Fred Bethune, Shield, Sask., Mrs. George Hodge, Vancouver, B.C., and Mrs. Roy Snow, who resided with him at their home in Newburgh.

The funeral was held at the home, Rev. H. B. Herrington of the United Church, conducted the service. Mrs. Hunt, Ramona and Mrs. Whitehead rendered a duet. The floral tributes were numerous. Pallbearers were Joseph Lewis, Ernest McQuat, Harvey Cook, J. P. Deacon, Dean Vanluvenaer and Victor Miller. Honorary pallbearers were Messrs. Frank Clancy, Percy Clancy, Paul Clancy of Newburgh, Ross and Sherrie Paul of Napanee, acted as floral bearers.

The Late Mrs. Charles Rosenplot

Mrs. Charles Rosenplot, aged 78, a resident of Northbrook for the past thirteen years, died at her home on December 15th, after an illness of only a few hours. She was formerly Violet Hayes, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Hayes, and was born in Marmora. Fifty-eight years ago she married William Rosenplot, in Campbellford, and had resided in Campbellford and Cloyne for some time before moving to Northbrook.

She was a member of the United Church and was greatly beloved by a large circle of friends.

She is survived by her husband and one son, Ernest in Northbrook. Her son-in-law, Hugh Armstrong, died in October.

Her funeral was conducted at the Central Church on December 17, by Rev. William McMillan. The pall-bearers were Messrs. William Bath, James Vogan, Sanford Thompson, Henry Armstrong, Hugh Armstrong and Walter Yeomans.

Cards of Thanks

Mrs. Will Pinney wishes through the columns of The Beaver, to thank all her friends and neighbours who so kindly visited her, and for all who sent cards and letters, flowers and fruit to her, while a patient in the Kingston General Hospital. Also the Tyendinaga East W. I. for the lovely plant sent to her. 52ap

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COUNTY OF LENNOX AND ADDINGTON

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—on—

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5th, 1945

— at 2:00 p.m. —

All accounts for audit must be delivered to the Clerk of the Peace on or before Wednesday, January 3rd, 1945.

K. S. HAM,
Clerk of the Peace,
County of Lennox and Addington.
Dated at Napanee, December 23rd, 1944. 52a

COUNTY OF LENNOX & ADDINGTON

NOTICE!

Considerable difficulty and inconvenience has been caused to drivers of snow plows in removing milk cans from the road sides.

The County of Lennox and Addington will not be responsible for any damage done to milk cans by the county snow plows, and hereby requests owners to have cans promptly removed from the path of the snow plows.

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H. Bruce Snider will sell by public auction for the Executors of the Kitson property, 3 miles north of Verona on the Craig Road, on Thursday, January 4th, at 10:00 a.m., farm stock, crop and implements, including 10 Durham milch cows, grey mare, black mare, black mare with foal, 11 Southdown sheep, 6 geese, binder, mower, Deering hay rake, manure spreader, harrow, sleighs, cutters, sleigh shears, harness, sap pan and buckets, blacksmith's tools, 72 tons hay, 3 stacks grain, 3 bus. grass seed, 175 bus. oats, 40 bags potatoes, stove wood, shingles, kitchen range, 2 box stoves, and other household furniture. Terms cash.

At 2:00 p.m. two farms will be sold, 100 acres in Township of Portland, with house, barn and blacksmith shop equipped with running water, and a farm consisting of 60 acres in the Township of Hinchinbrook, with good barn 50x40. Terms: 10 per cent. day of sale, balance in 30 days. Lunch will not be served owing to food rationing. 51bnc

STRUGGLE FOR CHIANG'S SOUL

An expert on the Far East, E.G. H Osborn, who knows the General well, writes this unusually interesting article in the Transatlantic Edition of the London Daily Mail

Go back to 1929 to a house in a Shanghai suburb and see a family gathering. Chiang Kai-shek, a Bible in his hand, surrounded by the six members of the Soong family, and an English Methodist missionary, is taking the vow of the Christian faith.

It was an incident which passed almost unheeded at the time.

People smile patronizingly but historians will record it as one of the great moments for it is closely connected not only with the future of China but with the whole course of the war now against Japan.

For the truth about the China mess is that the war against Japan has developed into a struggle for Christian faith to prevail against the plots and counter-plots of German-Japanese intrigue at its Satanic worst.

The central figure is the Generalissimo and to understand what is taking place in China today we must delve a little into his family affairs.

We must mention the lady who is now living in seclusion in New York.

Mme Chiang Kai-shek is 51 looks 25, and is as beautifully constructed as the brightest movie star and charming.

That charm is a mixture of her Southern American education from ten until 19 with the sedateness of Charlie Soong, her missionary father, who printed the first Bibles for China.

Mrs. Soong, her mother, was the Marie Dressler of China.

In China the family is the tough core of all life. With the six Soongs —the mother, three daughters, the two sons, T. L. and T. V.—the family feeling is legendary and accentuated by their Christian teaching.

And now about the Generalissimo himself. Mother Soong would not allow him to marry May until he became a Christian. They were married finally in 1927, and he embraced the Methodist faith at the little gathering I described above.

Just about everything has happened to the Marshal in the past two years.

Some of his intimates have plotted to destroy his devotion to the Soong creed, based on Sun Yat-sen's profound faith in democracy for the Chinese masses.

He has been beguiled by first one war lord and then another who hated Mother Soong's power.

The Kuomintang, founded by Sun Yat-sen in 1923 with the idea that every stratum of the 450,000,000 of Chinese should be represented in what should have become the greatest Parliament in the world, is ruled by a clique; the peasant, the laborer the craftsman has little say and no power.

Chiang gave in bit by bit, because he thought he could strengthen his Army by seeizing temporary expedients.

He was sincere and I believe with all friends of China, that he still is, but events, and the prolongation of the European war and the consequent slowness of Allied help to China itself, have rather overwhelmed him.

What must be realized is that Germany and Japan have seized on the weaknesses of this whole China situation to spread the most violent discord.

Now what has all this to do with the beautiful Mme. Chiang Kai-shek?

Just this. Her husband's dilemma is such that there is a rift not between wife and husband but between the Soong family, with its strong Christian faith, and the Marshal's surrounding chiefs, split into factions pulling against him — a rift wide enough to threaten the very roots of the democracy the dynastry sought to create.

The men around the Generalissimo in Chungking are a curious mixture. Chen Li-fu represents the extreme Right Wing. He bosses the Kuomintang, and appoints most of the higher Government officials. He hates the Japanese; next in close order he abhors any other foreigner having anything to say in Chinese affairs.

That does not mesh with the Soong ideas of Christian democracy. Then Chen's clique is the Marshal's own party of stubborn isolationists.

So when we read that President Roosevelt may go to China; that Marshal Stalin is calling Japan names in spite of his neutrality pact; that the Big Three is planning its next meeting — these things are closely linked with the Chinese situation today.

Soon a new leader, or group of leaders may arise in China. I think they will.

But straightening out the course is going to be one of the biggest jobs facing the United Nations.

V

NORWAY FACES A HARD WINTER

All reports from Oslo, Norway, one of the few still unliberated capitals of Europe, confirm the fact that this winter will be the hardest so far experienced in Norway.

No sugar has been available during the last six weeks, and the meagre butter ration was cut by one-half during the last rationing period.

Most serious, however, is the lack of potatoes. This year's crop amounted to only seven eight hundred thousand tons, which is only half of a good year's crop. About 200,000 tons must be reserved for seed next year, and the Germans will, of course, take a goodly quantity. They have already requisitioned 127,000 tons. The result is that many people in Oslo are without potatoes at the time of the year which used to be the best potato season. On the Norwegian wartime menu potatoes are all important, so the situation in Oslo is rather desperate.

During the period from May 15th to November 1st of this year — the part of the year when food resources should be at their best — an adult Norwegian received the following meat, fish and vegetable rations.

Whale meat	4.5 lbs.
Mutton Sausages	10 oz.
Chitterlings	10 oz.
Frozen fish	21.0 lbs.
Cabbage	3.5 lbs.
Carrots	1.0 lbs.

This, in other words, was supposed to suffice a grown person for 170 dinners.

As for fuel, Oslo hasn't half the quantity required for domestic heating this winter. Owing to the shortage of food, clothing and equipment, the efficiency of the forestry workers has been reduced. Then the German requisitioning of all means of transport has made it practically impossible to move felled wood to Oslo. Due to the fuel shortage the Oslo schools will be closed from December 15th of this year to March 12th 1945. The ban on electricity heating was lifted on November 1st, but a week later the authorities started to ration electricity, so electric heating had to be cut out altogether.

V

CAN ONLY DELAY NAZI DEFEAT

The Germans' counter-attack on the United States 1st Army, first big enemy counter-offensive since the attempt to cut the American 3rd Army lifeline at Avranches in Normandy four months ago, bears all the hall marks of careful preparation —unlike the desperate attempt in Normandy.

The best German generals are in charge of this attack and Field Marshal von Rundstedt, enemy Western Front commander, signed the order of the day saying "everything is at stake."

The Luftwaffe has been brought forward in strength. The 500 that made their appearance at first are probably only a first instalment. The new jet and rocket-propelled aircraft were used on this occasion for lightning bomb raids on Allied airfields. They can carry two 500-pound bombs on short trips and their speed gives them a certain self assurance in making for well-defended Allied positions.

Field Marshal von Rundstedt elderly has prepared his stroke with care by drawing on air and panzer reserves which had been husbanded for the day; he is staking a great deal on this counter-attack. But who timed it?

Gen Eisenhower must have realized that something like this would come sooner or later. The strangely quiet inactive front between the Aachen sector and Luxembourg seemed almost an invitation to Field Marshal Rundstedt. It was tempting bait and Gen. Eisenhower may have wanted him to take it now rather than later.

Nevertheless, this is the most serious test the American have yet had to face. A determined counter-attack carefully prepared and conducted with elite troops must, by its sheer impetus, overrun a part of the Allied front.

But certain reports have stated that the Allies have received 25 new divisions during the last ten weeks and that 100 Allied divisions will be on the Western front by Christmas. There can be no question of Allied exhaustion which would be favorable to a large-scale counter-attack.

The reason for Field Marshal von Rundstedt's timing, therefore, have to be sought in the conditions of the German camp — not in those of the Allies. Apparently the big attempt had to be made to stop the Allied advance in the south and the consolidation of the Allied position on the Roer. This speaks of disquiet on the German side about the consequences of further Allied penetrations. From a purely military point of view the time for counter-attack had not yet come. If Field Marshal von Rundstedt had any choice he would have waited.

That is why the possible objectives of the German attack seem only limited. It can spoil certain immediate Allied plans, but it is in no way comparable to the ambitious last throw of Gen. Erich von Ludendorff in 1918. That could conceivably have saved Germany from defeat. Field Marshal Rundstedt's effort can at its best only somewhat delay it but even that is not certain.

HEALTH LEAGUE OF CANADA

DIET QUESTIONNAIRE

If you have been reading this column in the past you should, by now be eating the foods that are necessary for good health.

The following is a questionnaire you may use to check your dietary habits:

		Yes?	Score
1.	Do you eat three regular meals each day?		10 points
2.	Do you drink milk every day?		
		3 glasses	15 points
		2 glasses	10 points
		1 glass	5 points
3.	Do you eat one or more servings of the following foods each day: oranges, grapefruit, tomatoes or their juices, raw cabbage, raw turnip, raw green pepper?		
		2 servings	10 points
		1 serving	5 points
4.	Do you eat a serving of dark green or yellow vegetables once a day?		10 points
5.	Do you eat a total of four servings of fruits and vegetables?		5 points
6.	Are all white flour and white bread used of Canada appproved grade?		5 points
7.	Are all cereals used, whole grain?		5 points
8.	Do you eat some of the following, each day: whole wheat bread, whole wheat cereal, rye bread, oatmeal?		
		2 servings	10 points
		1 serving	5 points
9.	Do you eat one of the following, each day: lean meat, fish chicken, soy beans, dried peas?		10 points
10.	Do you eat three or four eggs a week?		10 points
11.	Do you get as much as eight cups of liquid a day?		5 points
12.	In the home are the vegetables cooked in as little water as possible and not overdone?		10 points

If you have 100 points your diet is excellent. 90 points is good. 80 is fair. If you have below 70 your food habits are poor and should be changed in order to provide you with a diet adequate in the foods essential to your well being.

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COOKING VEGETABLES FOR VITAMIN PRESERVATION

We now know that the method of cooking vegetables is just as important as the choice, in obtaining a maximum amount of vitamins and minerals. Baking is the best method as the least amount of vitamins are lost, but not every vegetable can be baked satisfactorily. But we can steam practically all vegetables and as they are not IN the water, only the vitamins destroyed by heat (about 10%) are lost. If we boil the vegetables and throw the water away as most of us do vitamin C and members of the vitamin B complex are lost because they are water soluble. Most of us cook vegetables in too much water but science tells us they need be just covered with water. In the case of leafy vegetables just the water that clings to the leaves after washing is necessary.

We should divide vegetables into two classes:

1. The leafy vegetables, chard, spinach, cabbage, broccoli and strong flavored vegetables such as onion, turnips and Kohlrabi are **cooked without a cover.**
   If you follow these few rules in cooking you will be getting the maximum food value from your vegetables.
2. The other ones, beets, carrots corn parsnips, peas, potatoes, salsify, squash, string beans, are **cooked with a cover.**

1. Use raw vegetables.
2. Bake or steam them frequently.
3. Boil vegetables in skins if possible, in little water and only until they are done.
4. Wash, peel or cut vegetables just before cooking.
5. Use the cooking water for soups, sauces, etc.
6. Serve immediately.

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In this stirring saga of America's east frontier, Phillip Godsell draws on his widespread travels to trace the Alaska Highway from its early beginnings — when land-hungry settlers bucked the swollen rivers and fathomless muskegs of the Edson Trail to found pioneer homes in the untrodden empire of the Peace—down to its magnificent accomplishment.

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"How Dear To My Heart' is Emily Kimbrough's recollections, bright with laughter and merriment, touched here and there with something wistful and reflective, of what life was like in a small American home in the first decade of this century. For all of us it is a happy, humorous glance over our shoulder at the way things used to be.

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A deputation to take an even stronger attitude and to continue strikes after 20 mines where management have been nationalized to coal-mining, imposed for absenteeism, was rescinded without consultation of local officials, many of whom are reported anxious to resume work.

The decision also rejected the advice of 40 other unions that the miners, their produce the maximum amount of coal.

The Sydney Telegraph revealed that Prime Minister F. M. Forde had told the miners that Australia must heed the prospect of hardship to the Premier Churchill "we cannot give enough coal to maintain the British Fleet sent out to help us defeat Japan.

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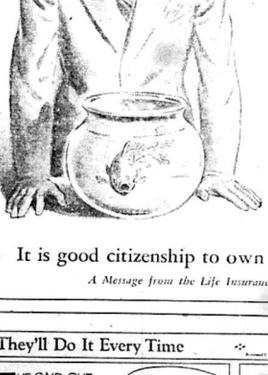

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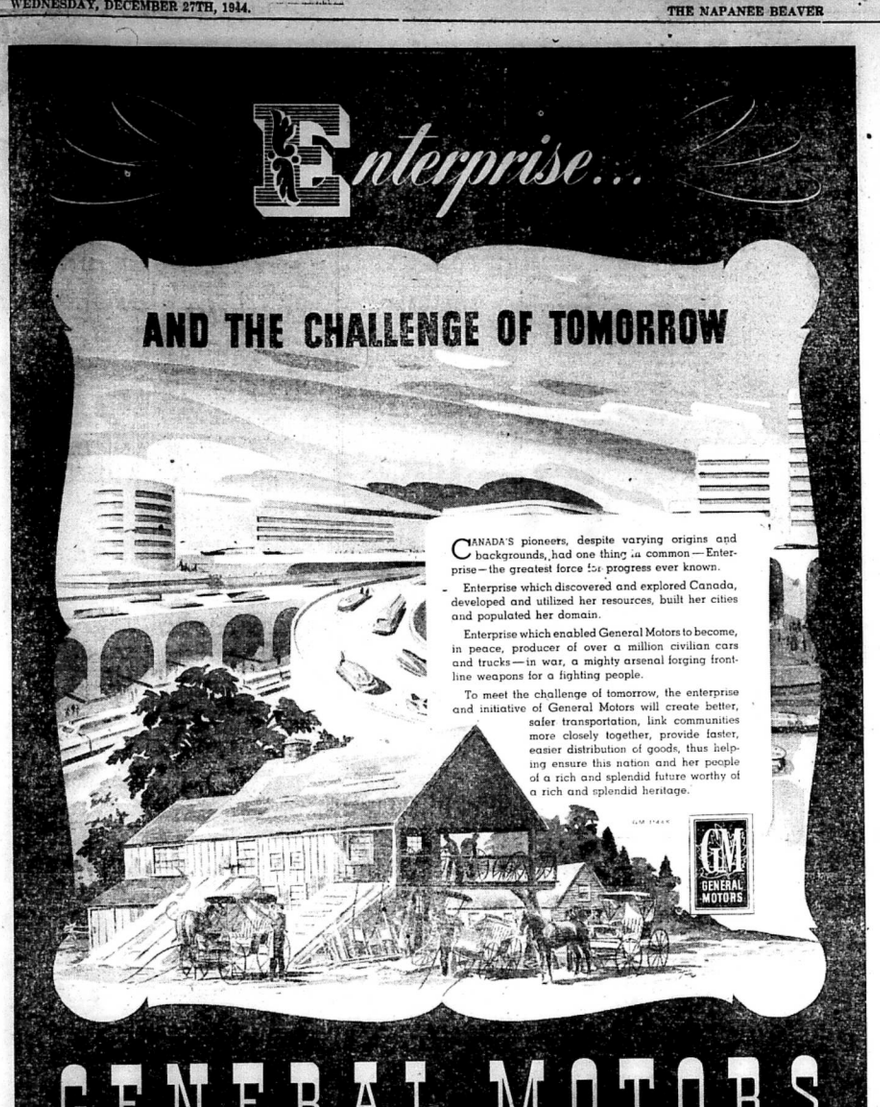
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GERMAN WAR STRATEGY CHANGES

BY NED RUSSELL

London. — Adolf Hitler has given up or been deprived of his former uncontrovertible control of the German Army, and so the Nazi propaganda that he is "too busy at his headquarters" even to spare a few minutes to deliver his own proclamations, is regarded by Anglo - American military leaders as untrue. Somewhere, somehow, Hitler seems to have dropped his military leadership, as well as his direct political control over the German people.

High Allied officers on the Western European front are convinced that Hitler is not issuing personal orders at his old rate of something like 15 a day to his armies in the field. And that his generals are no longer compelled to appeal directly to him when they feel they should make certain tactical or strategic moves. The German Army in the West has been fighting a cautious and intelligent, even though sometimes necessarily desperate, battle for some time now. It is a battle fought according to intelligent military standards, and not, as was so plain in Normandy, according to the "intuition" of a man like Hitler.

It is strongly believed in Allied military quarters that Field-Marshal Karl Rudolf Gerd von Runstedt and his chief of staff, a rather mysterious general, identified only as Westphal, who is known to be an extremely competent and clever staff officer and tactician, have much more freedom in directing the defence of Germany against the British and American armies than any of their predecessors, who were unable to do anything without consulting Hitler. They are making almost none of the mistakes that Hitler forced upon the German commanders in the Normandy campaign.

The conviction that Hitler no longer controls his armies has served to deepen the mystery concerning his whereabouts and what, he is doing now — or even whether he is alive. His proclamation which Heinrich Himmler, Gestapo boss, and commander in chief of the Volkssturm (German Interior Forces- read for him Sunday have no clue regarding his possible fate, but it is widely believed that something has happened to him. A well placed Allied military source said "perhaps Hitler has only had a nervous breakdown and his doctors are trying to make him rest for three months or so, but it is obvious that something has gone wrong for him."

The Hitlerian control of the German armies in Normandy was shown in German documents which were captured by the British and American armies when they finally broke out of their bridgehead and started streaming across France and Belgium. The documents, many of which were elaborated on by captured German officers, including at least one general, showed how tightly Hitler directed the battles, and some statements which were made to Allied interrogating officers, indicated the bitterness which was spreading among the Nazi high command, at the way German generals were being restricted to the Fuehrer's "intuitive" orders.

During the Normandy battles it is known that German divisional and corps commanders finding themselves under fierce British and American pressure frequently appealed to superior commanders to allow them to withdraw to more defensible ground." Each time their appeals were relayed to Hitler, usually by telephone from the main headquarters of the German 7th Army, but the Fuehrer always rejected them with the same sharp retort: 'You will not yield an inch of ground.' It was a foolhardy and militarily stupid policy.

Hitler's policy reflects his panic at the whole idea of Germany's enemies reaching Germany. His decision to re-inforce the German 7th army by bringing across the Seine troops from the 15th Army in the north was all part of this panic. His reinforcements should have arrived at the fighting front in full sized units complete with their equipment, as he undoubtedly wanted them to arrive, but they had to run the gauntlet of Allied planes attacking the roads and they arrived only in 'bits and pieces' and were incapable of carrying out their orders.

A German general captured by the British Second Army told his captors that he personally believed that the German high command would go on fighting indefinitely provided — and he put great emphasis on this — that the Nazi party leaders did not try to lay down tactical policies. For example, he said, if the Nazi politicians were to insist that three of four German divisions should be withdrawn from the Russian front to re-inforce the Western front, he thought the high command would quit.

He indicated there had been considerable talk among German generals criticizing the way Hitler himself was trying to force them to carry out militarily impossible tasks. He also said that he believed that if Field Marshall Erwin Rommel had not been wounded when he was, he might have been involved in the attempt on Hitler's life. He said he wasn't positive about this but he had heard that the plot against Hitler had been discussed with Rommel and he believed Rommel had been sympathetic to the idea.

Another example of Hitler's control over the armies about the time of the Normandy battle lies in the story of the death of Field Marshal Gunther Von Kluge who succeeded Von Runstedt as commander of the group of German armies in the West shortly after it became plain that the Allies could not be thrown back into the sea.

During the last stages of the battle of the Falaise pocket, Von Kluge spent two days inside the pockets trying to discover a way to save the situation. Most of those two days he was hiding in trenches or roadside ditches from Allied planes and shells. When he got back to his headquarters he found his successor, Field Marshal Walter Von Model already there and taking command. He apparently had never been told of any move to replace him. He got on board a train that night to go to Germany and died on the train 'from exhaustion', according to reports which are accepted as authentic.

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GREAT BRITAIN'S FORCES TOTAL 5,000,000

EMPIRE ARMS 70 P.C. BRITISH

London. — Great Britain, revealing the staggering measure of her war effort, reported recently that one-third of all the homes in the United Kingdom have been wrecked by Nazi bombs, that she has suffered almost 750,000 men, women and children casualties but that nevertheless the nation has produced 102,000 planes, 25,000 tanks and 4,500,000 tons of shipping in the first five years of war.

Lifting the ban of military secrecy for the first time in an official White Paper, the Government made public complete details on the casualties and war production of the Empire withholding only such information as might affect the war against Japan.

Information Minister, Brendan Bracken, commenting on the Government report, said Britain not only provided most of the arms and munitions for the Empire, but also, through its early expenditures, helped the United States to enter the war with her industries on "something like a wartime footing."

EFFORT EXCEEDS THAT OF ANY OTHER BELLIGERENT

He declared that "one tremendous fact stood out clearly," that the total war effort of the population of Great Britain is greater than that of any other belligerent.

"We have not attempted to mulct the British Empire," he told a press conference. "Canada is the only Empire country from which we have received reverse Lend-lease. With all the other Dominions we have made financial arrangements much less favorable to ourselves than the United States."

He said Britain's large gold reserves in the United States at the beginning of the war "have all been paid over, and the money spent in building up American munitions industries."

PUT UNITED STATES INDUSTRY ON WAR FOOTING

"This expenditure," he added, "helped America to come into the war with her industries already on something like a wartime footing. We are glad to have rendered this service to the United States as a small return for her tremendous generosity to us."

The White Paper disclosed that British war workers, living under direct attack almost continuously since the beginning of the war, have turned out about 70 per cent of the munitions produced by or made available to the British Empire.

The official report showed that Britain's war spending has reached the astronomical height of £158 per second, and that the proportion of her population mobilized for war is perhaps greater than that of any other belligerent power.

NOTABLE STATEMENTS FROM WHITE PAPER

Other statistics, revealed now only because the war has progressed to the point where absolute secrecy is no longer essential, included:

1—Britain's armed forces now number 4,500,000 men and 500,000 women out of a total population of about 47,000,000.

2—More than one-third of all men in the United Kingdom between the ages of 14 and 64 are under arms, and almost half the women between 14 and 59 are in the armed forces, full-time civil defence, or industry.

3—By the close of 1943, Britain had lost 11,500,000 tons of shipping, two-third of the tonnage with which she entered the war.

4—Casualties in the armed forces of Great Britain alone numbered 562,00 by the end of last September including 176,000 killed; for the rest of the Empire, casualties totalled 363,000, including 67,000 killed.

5—One adult of every three houses in Britain has been destroyed or damaged [illegible] raids or by robot bombs [illegible] casualties up to the end [illegible] numbered 57,298 killed and [illegible] jured.

6—And [illegible] British merchant seamen [illegible] by enemy action and 4,17[illegible] by the enemy since the war [illegible] field, British aircraft [illegible] ing under strict blackout [illegible] and frequently under [illegible] fed 10,018 heavy bombers [illegible] em in the first half of [illegible] ed with only 41 in all [illegible] ghter plane production [illegible] reached 940 planes a month.

772 MAJOR WAR VESSELS BUILT IN FIVE YEARS

In Britain's special field, ship construction, the White Paper revealed that 772 major warships were built in the five war years, along with 5,072 other vessels.

The statistics on merchant shipping disclosed the extent of German U-boat inroads, showing that Britain's ocean-going fleet at the end of 1942 totalled 13,500,000 gross tons, 29 per cent less than the 17,500,000 tons on hand in 1939, despite construction of 4,000,000 tons of new shipping in that time.

On the home front, the White Paper reported that 4,500,000 of the United Kingdom 13,000,000 homes were in danger of enemy action, among them 202,000 destroyed or damaged beyond repair. The civilian casualties included 7,250 children and 23,757 women killed.

The official report paid tribute to the assistance provided by American Lend-lease aid, which provided 20 per cent of the munitions of the Empire except Canada, which has taken no American Lend-lease, but it points out that Britain also extended aid to other nations and incurred liabilities abroad totalling $9,500,000,000.

'UNEXAMPLED SACRIFICES' TOLD IN 'CRAMPED STATISTICS'

Saying that Britain gave up its export business and converted the whole of its manpower to the making and using of war goods, Mr. Bracken asserted the report's "cramped statistics" illustrated the "courage and unexampled sacrifices of millions of British people."

"The Virtuous," he said with pride, "were proud to be called a nation of shopkeepers, but there never have been such shopkeepers as the British. No shopkeepers ever before sold out their entire stocks in order to fight.

"We have sacrificed most of our Victorian inheritance. What was the treasure of our grandfathers has gone and it has been well and gladly sacrificed."

HALF OF POPULATION 'TRANSPLANTED' DURING WAR

Mr. Bracken said there had been unexampled courage and sacrifice of millions of British people. More than 22,500,000 civilians have been moved since the war began. There is not a home in Britain where the family has not been broken up and scattered all over the earth fighting or toiling in factories.

He recalled the mass movements of population, the evacuation from the southern and eastern coasts, the evacuation of London, the direction of workers to factories far away in addition to the call-up for the armed forces.

This has been achieved under hard living and working conditions. Up to the end of August more than 5,500 factories had been damaged by enemy action.

The people who performed these prodigies of labor were fed on a monotonous ration and dull diet and had a constant worry about coupons, he added.

ECONOMIC REVOLUTION DIRECTED BY TREASURY

Taxation had reduced the number of people with incomes above £5 000. Something like a revolution had happened in Britain and the Treasury had played the part of an urbane and painless Robespierre.

"A lot of unfair criticisms have been directed against John Bull's war effort," Mr. Bracken said. "We don't want to blow our own trumpet, particularly if anyone else will do it for us. Critics who have not gone through the agony of British under bombing and dull monotonous food ought to live here and they would not be quite so vocal.

What Britons had been able to do in these heroic years was a measure of the part they would play in rebuilding the world, he said.

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Dominion Housing Plan Requested

The Union of Manitoba Municipalities has urged the Manitoba Government to ask Federal Government for an immediate institution of a Dominion Housing plan to remedy a desperate situation in Winnipeg and other provincial centres.

The union last week presented to the Provincial Government a list of 56 resolutions adopted at its recent annual convention here.

OCCUPIED GERMANY PROVES DOCILE

BY LEWIS GANNETT

It's only a little fingernail of Germany which Americans hold as yet Occupied territory of Germany over which General Eisenhower rules is not very large but the fingernail begins on a flat, windmill - dotted plain northeast of the comfortable little Dutch town of Sittard. It swings eastward through flat apple and pear orchards, sugar-beet and potato fields to the outskirts of the industrial town of Gel'enkirchen, then turns southeast through the Little Ruhr, a flat area of highly modern coal mines and coke plants, where the highest hills are slag heaps.

It turns southward to the edge of the once proud but now ruined city of Aachen where Charlemagne was crowned in the year 800.

This part of occupied Germany had a quarter of a million population before the Nazis began evacuating it. Its pre-dominant population today is the American Army.

That fact conditions the character of its military government. Its temporary regime is in the area of active military movements. Obviously, the local military authorities must attend to their business of fighting, dealing with German civilians to dig no crops too close to the guns.

German civilians who refused Nazi exhortations to depart until the Americans came live in a sort of Teutonic ghetto. Their civilian clothes in that area are themselves a sort of badge of suspicion. Germans are not permitted to stand and talk in the street. Throughout most of the region they are permitted in the streets only on certain hours of the day.

Each house bears on its door placard listing the inhabitants, their occupations, and ages. In each of twenty-odd towns the American authorities, after careful checking, has named temporary burgomasters who are responsible for order and food distribution. None is paid, but some towns are already installing local tax systems. The whole region is predominantly Roman Catholic. In a few cases burgomasters given from bits of health to our counter-intelligence have been left at their posts. Still others civil servants who held office prior to the Nazi regime have been installed.

Refusal to obey would be regarded as a violation of military orders and punished accordingly. Offenses for which civilians have been fined or imprisoned are such as appearing on the streets in forbidden hours, digging potatoes beyond specified limits and in one case, going outdoors at night with a lighted cigarette. The cigarette smoker had walked twenty yards from his door to pick up a box of turnips and was on his way back when an M.P. arrested him. He was convicted, but the officer who tried him doubts that his offense was deliberate.

Food distribution, except in a few cases where whole villages were evacuated to camps in the rear, is left entirely to German officials and agencies from village to village according to the caliber of local officialdom and the stocks on hand. Every resident is allotted 300 pounds of potatoes to carry him until next harvest. This same ration was accorded under German rule and the old ration cards are still used. New bread, butter and meat cards have been printed, but no fat of any kind is on hand to distribute. The bread ration of 24 pounds a month was eleven under the Nazis. Sugar distribution of a quarter pound a person was made since the Americans entered. No salt is in the region at all, except small individual hoards.

Industrial communities, such as Palenburg, have smaller supplies and do not eat as well as others. Some of these mine towns may be in a very bad way before winter is over unless ample stocks from other communities are made available. The hands-off and let the Germans feed themselves program is predicated on the expectation that we should occupy a larger and potentially self-sustaining area. The mine towns, however, include Communist as well at Roman Catholic elements, and they are not likely to face starvation with resignation.

On the whole the microscopic experiment of military rule of Germany now functioning for more than six weeks, has been remarkably successful. These Germans obey orders and take care of their own local affairs. Uniformly they express relief at being out of the war. Their empty village streets are in striking contrast to the gay, crowded Dutch villages a few miles away. One singular bit of etymological lore was encountered. 'Fraternization,' half a dozen grinning G. I's have explained to me, means acting like a brother and sister and dull monotonous food ought to live here and they would not be quite so vocal.

SPIES - - THE BANE OF ALL COMMANDERS

BY DeWITT MACKENZIE

The Allied advance into the Rhineland is encountering new problems of security, due to dangers from Nazi underground units and from spies—German civilians. Gen. Eisenhower has recognized by issuing an ironclad rule against his soldiers fraternizing with German civilians, or speaking to them, under penalty of fines.

This menace originally was brought to the attention of the folk back home when Lt.-Gen. Hodges' U. S. First Army reached Aachen sector. The mysterious disappearance of some of his men, apparently victims of the underground, resulted in the issuance of orders against fraternization, and since then the rules have been made more rigid.

Every mile of penetration into Germany by the Allied armies increases the difficulties. Many 'civilian' operatives are Nazi soldiers who've discarded their uniforms for mufti and who are equally prepared to play the part of spies or do murder.

Of course that's not the whole story. Apart from the spying and underground operations, it is damaging to the morale of the soldiers to fraternize with the civilians of an enemy country. You cannot be friendly with folk and be tough with 'em at the same time.

Some of you undoubtedly remember the first Christmas in the First Great War, when British and German soldiers decided to bury the hatchet for that one day of 'Peace on Earth'. In some sectors they fraternized in no-man's land, swapped Christmas boxes from home, and even played football. But the military mob quickly stepped on such comradeship among men who were hooked to one another.

The greatest danger lies in spying. Spies are the bane of commanders during a critical [illegible] like the present. These [illegible] cross the [illegible] the fighting [illegible] in civilian clothing, and pose as [illegible] of friendly information back to [illegible] headquarters.

Naturally, fraternization between troops and enemy civilians produces an admirable setting in which [illegible] information. Soldiers, prepared by affable hausfrau and [illegible] to thaw-chilled hot-minds. [illegible] through the centuries proved profitable to the spies. The foreground geared with bewildered Mata Haris, do a lot of damage, but the barmaids and there just the same.

For example, how much hurt can be done by a seemingly harmless bit of information. For instance, suppose a new Allied division has just moved into a sector where troops are being concentrated to make an offensive. A couple of days from this division drop into the local pub for a glass of beer.

The general handed hears the casual remark or of the name of the division and reports it to his headquarters. The German command immediately recognizes that this division 24 hours, eight was in a sector 50 miles away. Its appearance in the new sector probably means that the Allies are concentrating troops there. This is the point of the coming offensive, and so forth.

Spies have many ways of getting their messages through to German headquarters. Using Allied territory. There are trained pigeons, dogs which are trained to make their way through the lines at night, men who take their messages in their hands to run the gauntlet in hours of darkness, the radio.

In France remains the First Great War I ran across cases of spying farmers who used the Arms of their windmills to send signal messages to German airmen. Farmers' wives put the family wash out in special patterns on the grass so that airmen could read the signal.

Don't the Allies have spies in German territory. You bet they do!

BURN LESS FUEL HAVE MORE HEAT

Do you remember the days when you crawled out of bed in an unheated house and hurried downstairs to eat breakfast beside the kitchen stove? This was the question asked the other day in a well-known heating authority.

He went on to point out that shortages of fuel may well take conditions back, or almost back, to those days if they are not careful. And he said that it is not too early to be giving some thought to sealing up windows and walls to keep out next winter's stormy blasts.

Checking the walls and floors, roof, basement, windows and doors for heat losses is a good starting point. A warped window or door will let in the cold as it sweeps down the street or across bare fields. Tight-fitting storm windows and doors, and windows properly weatherstripped and caulked will help keep warm air where it's wanted, inside the home!

If the house needs insulation there are products on the market today that will give maximum protection; cork, rock wool and fibreboard are among the most effective, and while the initial cost may seem high, the annual saving in coal and fuel bills will soon pay for the insulation.

As an example, this authority cited tests made on an average six-room house. Windows and doors were sealed with weather-stripping and caulking, and walls and ceiling insulated with rock wool. Fuel consumption in that house was cut down from 13½ tons to five.

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Export Permit Restrictions Eased

The Trade Department announced last week a further relaxation of export permit retrictions for a number of commodities, notably chemicals and said that effective January 1 next, 30 items will be deleted from the export permit schedule of commodities, so that export permits will not be required for shipment to British Empire destinations or to the United States.

The announcement, which did not list the items, said limited exemptions are to be granted for numerous chemicals if they are valued at $25 or less and shipped to the British Empire or to the United States.

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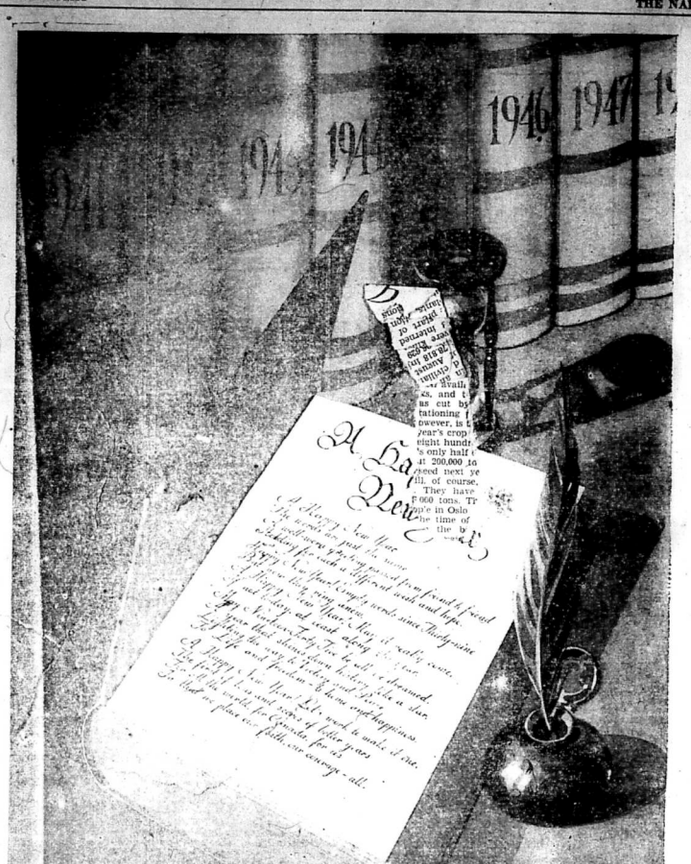

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Bethany Christmas Tree and Concert

Bethany United Church staged its Christmas Tree and Concert Thursday evening in the Church. A good programme had been prepared by Miss Mildred Parks, Bethany teacher and her pupils assisted by Mrs. Hicks and Mrs. Wilfred Miller at the organ. A large Christmas tree adorned the building and many gifts were presented by Santa Claus to the children, the teacher and the minister.

The following was the programme: December 21st in the United Church; Christmas Carols by a group of children; a Christmas Drill by boys and girls; Memory Text by Bob Hicks; Recitation by Joy Hicks; Dialogue by Elizabeth Clarke and Gerald Hawley; Pantomime: "Silent Night" and "Away in a Manger" by a group of girls; Recitations by George DeMille and Ralph Fawley; Mouth Organ Selections by Mr. DeMille; Recitation by Nelson Redden; Dialogue by a group of pupils; Recitation, Marjorie Amey; Violin Solo by Mr. Wm. Goodman; Recitation by Willis Lasher; Dialogue by a group of children; Recitation by Jean Lasher; Playlet "Christmas at Pumpkin Hollow" by Miss Parks, Mrs. Redden and pupils; Dialogue by group of children; Solo by Margaret Sinclair.

The gift to Miss Parks was presented by Dorothy Lasher with a pretty little speech revealing the popularity of the capable young teacher. Rev. F. J. Armitage acted as Chairman of the proceedings.

DORLAND

Dorland, Dec. 23. — The weather and roads continue to be interesting topics. The roads are no sooner opened than they fill up again, and along township lines mail delivery is quite uncertain. Those who were planning to spend Christmas away from home are wondering whether they will be able to get through. It is a common occurrence for cars to be left along the way while the passengers either wade home or 'phone for a team to come to the rescue. Glenora ferry is still operating, but this is likely to be the last day as the boat has been breaking heavy ice for days and it is becoming increasingly difficult to get in and out of the slips. Ice in Hay Bay is solid, cars have begun to cross.

Owing to unfavorable conditions the United Church service was cancelled last Sunday morning.

Mrs. B. Richardson who has been ill with pneumonia, is able to be around again.

The public school concerts were on a smaller scale than usual and were held in the afternoon.

The United Church Sunday School held their concert on Friday evening. The roads caused a small attendance but an enjoyable programme was presented and Santa Claus was able to get through on time.

The Institution meeting held on Friday also had a smaller attendance than usual. The former council was returned by acclamation, but an election may be necessary to settle the school trustees for the area.

COLLINS BAY

Collins Bay, Dec. 24.—The Christmas entertainment which was held December 21st in the United Church was a decided success and was put on by the pupils of Public School and Sunday School.

The Christmas service was held on Sunday evening. Rev. R. M. Seymour was in his pulpit and gave a wonderful sermon to a good congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Riley spent Christmas in Trenton with their son, Mr. Grenville Riley and Mrs. Riley. Mr. Douglas Riley who has been serving overseas for the past five years, is home on thirty days' leave.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cousins have gone to Belleville to spend the remainder of the winter with their daughter, Mrs. F. Alexander and Mr. Alexander.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Guess, Sydenham, Miss Jean Guess of Kingston and Mrs. H. Moore, Kingston, were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. Clark.

Mrs. C. Redden has gone to Ottawa to spend the remainder of the winter.

Mrs. W. Britt is spending some time in Gananoque with Mrs. Roy Wheeler and Mr. Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Britt and Mr. and Mrs. Miles Britt and family spent Christmas with their sister, Mrs. Wheeler and Mr. Wheeler.

Sergt. George Leonard and Mrs. Leonard of Toronto spent the Christmas holiday with Mr. Leonard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Leonard.

Harold Whyatt of Petawawa Camp spent Christmas with his wife here.

TAWORTH CONTINUATION SCHOOL

School closed for the Christmas holidays on Friday. The report cards were given out and Mr. Millar spoke to the pupils on the reasons for success and failure in school life. In his remarks he stressed the great need for obedience to parents quoting the fifth Commandment "Honour thy father and thy mother—that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." He also spoke of the injurious effects of tobacco during the years of growth. A student who used it rarely had good success.

Christmas greetings were extended to the pupils by Mrs. Gilmour, who also presented an award to Helen Bream for having the best Geography book. Miss Betty Tucker then took charge of the programme. Carols were sung. Readings were given by Cora Gray and Jean York. Rowena Millar read the "Tamworth News" for Hal and Winnifred Steele and Betty Tucker contributed riddles and numerous tories.

The candies and oranges were passed by Gerald Marshall and Peter Macdonald.

Congratulations are extended to Viola Gray, Grade 9 student, who took the highest per cent in the school in the December examinations.

Anderson Christmas Entertainment

The annual Christmas Tree and Concert given by Anderson United Church Sunday School was held in the church on Tuesday evening, with a large attendance. The following excellent programme had been prepared by the officers and teachers of the school assisted by Miss Bessie Hunt, and was greatly enjoyed: The opening chorus by the School; Recitations by Billie Sherman, Georgina Cuthill, Steve Stone, Rose Fitchett; Doll Drill by a group of girls; Recitations by Billie Stone and Marilyn Parks; Dialogue "A Workin' Daddy"; Recitations, Dorothy Hamilton, Carrie Simpson, Marie Baird; Chorus by the School; Dialogue: "Santa and The Little Girl"; Duet, "White Christmas" Mrs. K. Hambly and Mary Hambly; Recitations by Gordon Baird; Marjorie Walsh, Mary Belle Stone, Ivan Pitchett, Dolores Simpson; Star Drill by young ladies; Recitation, Douglas South; Dialogue: "A Large Order"; Recitations, Helen Simpson, Betty Stone, Leslie Fitchett; Dialogue "A Crazy Christmas Class"; Chorus "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" by the school.

Santa Claus appeared with gifts for every child and special awards were made to Marilyn Parks for a high attendance mark at Sunday school and to Dorothy Hamilton for splendid attendance and the highest mark in memory work.

The pastor, Rev. F. J. Armitage, acted as chairman.

BATH

Bath, Dec. 17. — The supper held in the Masonic Hall in aid of St. John's Church was a success in spite of having been postponed on account of the storm and roads.

The annual School Commencement held on Friday night was presented to a full house for both the program and the dance. A three-act play was presented by the students. The cast was well chosen and showed careful preparation. Miss Betty Young, who was "Aunt Susie, who shoots the Works" and Miss Diane Burleigh, who was "Scarlet" the colored maid, were both especially good. Between the acts the diplomas and prizes for the Field Meet were presented and the lucky numbers for the draws for the Navy League. These prizes had been donated by local people. The Principal thanked everyone who had so kindly helped.

On Friday, Dec. 15, the Sunday School of St. John's Church held its annual treat and tree in the Parish Hall.

The pupils of the public school classes are holding their tree and programme in the Masonic Hall, this Thursday.

The roads in the district are all open for traffic now, the snow plough having gone up and back several times.

We all unite in wishing the staff of The Beaver, greetings and good wishes.

ODESSA

Odessa Dec. 20. The Public School Christmas concert held Friday evening was a decided success in every way. The lengthy program showed talent and with the pretty costumes worn by the actors, proved very entertaining. Much of the credit is due Miss Cairns and Miss Walker, teachers of the Public School.

Mrs. Nelson Smith received word that her brother, Mr. Norman Scott, and passed away very suddenly in Toronto. We extend sympathy to her.

Mrs. Blanche Scott has returned to her home in Montreal after visiting her sister, Mrs. Ethel Allen.

Miss Joyce McPherson, Belleville, spent the week end with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Shelley Denyes.

Mrs. William Cairns and daughters, Joan and Bonnie Lou, who have been residing in Whitby, are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cairns.

Mr. William Cairns has been transferred from the A. & P. Store staff in Whitby to Napanee, and with his wife and family will be residing there.

Conway - Sandhurst

Conway - Sandhurst, Dec. 26. — Mr. Ray Morton and Miss Marguerite Morton spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Morton.

Miss Elizabeth Wright, of St. Thomas, and Miss Lois Wright, of Peterborough, are holidaying with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Wright.

Miss Betty Haight spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Haight.

Rev. and Mrs. K. J. Crawford had Christmas dinner at Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Crawford's, Kingston, and then went on to Morton to visit Mrs. Crawford's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joantree.

The sympathy of the community is extended to Mrs. Clark Peters, on the death of her husband, Clark Peters, a former resident of Sandhurst, who passed away at the home of his nephew, Mr. Harold Peters.

ENTERPRISE

Presentation and Farewell Party for Mrs. H. A. Carscallen

Enterprise, Dec. 16. — Over 100 friends and neighbors of Enterprise community gathered on Wednesday evening, December 13th, at the home of S. D. Wagar, to honor his sister, Mrs. H. A. Carscallen. During the evening, contests conducted by Mrs. R. C. Covert, and cards were enjoyed. Later, Mrs. G. A. Wagar and Mrs. W. J. Coulter called the gathering to order, and Rev. H. E. Prair read an address to Mrs. Carscallen, and H. B. Harman presented her with a well filled purse. Mrs. Carscallen thanked her friends for their kind thoughts and best wishes, and invited all to visit her in her new home in Kingston. Lunch was served by Mrs. Eric Jackson, Mrs. R. C. Covert, Mrs. G. A. Wagar, Mrs. W. J. Coulter, Mrs. Roy Hartman, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hartman, H. E. Vannest and Carmen Bell.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Davey, of Woodrow, Sask., are spending several weeks with Mr. Davey's son, Charles Davey, and Mrs. Davey. Mr. Davey, Sr., is renewing acquaintances, after an absence of 40 years.

Mrs. Peter Storey, of Violet, is visiting her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Storey.

Mrs. Henry Kellar, of Camrose, Alta., spent several days last week with her nephew, R. T. Wagar, and family.

R. T. Wagar is visiting his sister, Mrs. H. A. Carscallen, Victoria St., Kingston.

Miss Eileen Millican is spending a few days in Toronto this week.

Enterprise, Dec. 23. — Christmas guests who spent the week end in the village were: Mrs. M. Badgley, of Toronto, and sons, Garth and Gerald, also Gerald Laucks, of Kingston with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Loucks; Camfield Jackson, of Port Erie, with his brother, B. C. Jackson, and Mrs. Jackson; Mr. and Mrs. Glen MacMillan, of Kingston, and Burt Vannest, of Brantford, with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Vannest; Mr. and Mrs. Forde Fenwick and Bobby, of Kingston, with Mr. and Mrs. Guy Fenwick; Glenn Wagar, of Toronto, with his mother, Mrs. Alonzo Wagar, and his sister, Miss Freda Wagar; Clarence Coulter, of Brantford, with his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Coulter; L.A.C. Donald Kyle, R.A.F., of Kingston, with Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Covert and family.

Rev. and Mrs. H. E. Frair, Miss Erma and Master George Frair, spent Christmas Day with friends in Arden.

Those who are spending Christmas Week in the village are Miss Sara Wilson, Central School, Kingston, with her mother, Mrs. Mary Wilson; Miss Alfreda Milligan, Ottawa, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Milligan; Clarence Bell, Port Erie, with his father, John Bell, and Miss Glenda Purdy, Kingston, with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Walker.

Word was received in the village of the sudden death of Arnold Elsworth Smith, aged 67, of Oshawa, who died of a heart seizure in Belleville, on December 20th. The late Mr. Smith was a resident of Enterprise for several years.

Enterprise W. M. S.

Enterprise, Dec. 26. — The Christmas meeting of the W. M. S. of Enterprise United Church was held recently at the home of Mrs. Amos Storey. Mrs. George Nelson, Vice President, opened the meeting with the Christmas call to worship, and Mrs. H. E. Frair was pianist. Yearly reports were given. Mrs. George Lockwood received the offering, including Mrs. H. A. Carscallen's mite box. Rev. Mr. Frair took charge of the election of officers, which resulted as follows:

President—Mrs. H. E. Vannest.
Vice President—Mrs. Geo. Nelson.
Recording Secretary and Press Reporter—Mrs. Cecil Kennedy.
Treasurer—Mrs. Elmore Raymond.
Literature and Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Geo. Lockwood.
Temperance Secretary — Mrs. Roy Hartman.
Stewardship Secretary—Mrs. H. M. Jackson.
Missionary Monthly Secretary—Mrs. Cecil Kennedy.
Flower Fund Secretary—Mrs. R. C. Covert.
Pianist—Mrs. William Jackson.
Assistant Pianist — Mrs. R. C. Covert.
Mission Band Leader—Mrs. Howard Holland and Mrs. Amos Storey.

The Christmas program, with candle lighting service, interspersed with carol singing, was in charge of Mrs. Roy Hartman and Mrs. George Lockwood, assisted by Mrs. Amos Storey, Mrs. H. M. Jackson, Mrs. George Nelson, Mrs. Peter Storey, and Mrs. Catharine Hogle.

The hostess served a dainty lunch. During the social half hour all sang "Happy Birthday to You" in honor of Mrs. Peter Storey, who was celebrating her 83rd birthday.

The January meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Geo. Lockwood.

COLEBROOK

Colebrook, Dec. 26. — Yarker-Colebrook W. M. S. meeting was held on December 14th, at 6:00 p.m., at the home of Mrs. A. Switzer, Yarker. Mrs. Sallsbury had charge of the worship service and Mesdames Hawley, Wright, Freeman, Purcell, Switzer and Sallsbury.. Mrs. Hawley gave a monologue, showing how Christ should come first in our giving. Roll call was answered by a Christmas verse. The meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Hawley, after which the hostess and helpers served a dainty lunch.

The pupils of the Public School put on a concert in the school on Thursday afternoon. The concert consisted of songs, dialogues, and readings. After the concert, Santa Claus appeared and distributed gifts to the children.

Mrs. Ira Salisbury has been indisposed, suffering from a serious foot ailment. We hope for a speedy recovery.

Holiday visitors included Miss Bertie Wagar at Mrs. H. Wagar's; L.A.C. N. Garrison and Mrs. Garrison at Mrs. E. D. Shangraw's; Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Clark at Mr. E. Yeomans'; Mr. and Mrs. N. Sutton, of Toronto, at Mr. Wm. Jackson's; Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Price, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Paul, Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Purcell, Mr. D. Stover, at Mr. E. F. Purcell's; L.A.C. A. Wartman at Mr. A. C. Hart's; Mrs. Tompkins, of Toronto, at Mr. S. Hart's; Mr. D. Earnard, of Toronto, at Mr. J. Love's; Mr. and Mrs. P. Galbraith at Mr. R. Babcock's, Harrowsmith; Mr. and Mrs. J. Love at Mr. M. Lobe's; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Riddle at Mr. A. Cowdy's, Murvale.

MARLBANK

Marlbank, Dec. 26. — The W. A. of the United Church held their annual supper and bazaar on Saturday, December 9th, which was quite well attended despite the unfavorable weather. A large array of aprons, a quilt, and other articles were offered for sale. There was also a fish pond, which the children enjoyed. The net sum of nearly $90.00 was realized.

The Christmas concert was held in the United Church Hall on Friday evening. The hall was filled with the people of the village and community. There was a lengthy program of choruses, recitations, dialogues, and an interesting play by five young ladies. Rev. Mr. Baueh gave a solo, which was enjoyed. He also acted as chairman for the evening. At the close of the program Santa Claus appeared and distributed the many presents on the tree, also a treat for every child. The sum of $26.95 was taken in.

Mrs. E. Badgley, who has been confined to the house for the past two weeks, is able to be out again.

Misses Helen and Mildred Lewis, of Kingston, spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Lewis.

Mr. Jack Godfrey spent Christmas with friends in Belleville.

Pte. Victor McGregor, who has been stationed in Alberta, arrived here on Christmas Day to spend a furlough with his wife and little daughter, Marlene.

The following guests from Toronto spent the Yuletide holidays at their homes here: The Misses Eva, Edna and Marion Martin, Miss Velda Pedgley, Miss Nettie McCutcheon, Mr. Billy Burd, Mr. Bruce Somerville and Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Allen.

Mr. Roy McKivor, of Kingston, spent Christmas at Billy Williams'.

Mr. Ted Turkington, of Belleville, was with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Turkington.

Mr. Jack Ballance, of Napanee, spent Sunday here with her father, Mr. R. W. Asselstine.

Mr. Norman Beckwith, of the United States, spent Christmas with his sister, Mrs. Kendall, and brother, Mr. Frank Eckwith.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Tuepah and family of Collins Bay, spent the holiday with Mrs. Tuepah's mother, Mrs. E. Knoll, and grandmother, Mrs. Windover.

Mr. Ira McLaughlin spent Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. John Kimmett, and Mr. Kimmett, Roblin.

Mrs. Joe Flynn spent Christmas in Toronto with her children.

Sgt. Vimy York and Mr. Norrad, of Peterborough, spent Christmas Day here with Mr. York's parents. Mrs. York accompanied her son to Peterborough to spend a day.

Mr. Dalton Sexsmith spent Christmas with his sister, Mrs. Odis Davis, and family, near Selby.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Young were Christmas guests of their daughter, Mrs. Earl Alexander, and family, at Moneymore.

Mrs. J. G. Hunt and infant son, Paul Gregory, returned home from the Hotel Dieu Hospital, Kingston.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Benn, of Toronto, were recent guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Florence Benn, and his sister, Mrs. Rex Woolgar, and Mr. Woolgar.

Mr. Francis Somerville and brother, Bruce, were Christmas guests of their sister, Mrs. Alex. Garrison, and Mr. Garrison, Kingston.

Messrs. Matt. and James Jordan and sister, Mrs. Alex. Garrison, were Christmas guests of their parents here.

Miss Madeline Taylor, of Kingston, also visited at Christmas at her parents' home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold English and Bobby, of Belleville, were Yuletide guests of the English's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Booth.

Mr. Booth's friends are glad to see him able to be out again, after being ill.

Wilfred Booth, who is attending Bath High School, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Booth.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Hawley were Christmas guests of the latter's sister, Mrs. Fred Dafoe, and Mr. Dafoe, West Plain.

Mr. and Mrs. James Harten and Donna spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. William Dafoe, West Plain.

Christmas guests at the W. C. Marlin home were Mr. and Mrs. Ed. and Mrs. Ed. York, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. York, Vimy, Yvonne, and Mr. Norman Marlin, Kingston, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Stinson, Glenn and Ronald, of Tamworth; Mr. Calvin York, of Toronto, visited Mr. and Mrs. Wickham, Anna and Ted, of Lime Lake.

Mrs. Thos. Bird and children, of Toronto, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Moulds, for Christmas.

ADOLPHUSTOWN

Adolphustown, Dec. 26. — A large congregation was in attendance at St. Alban's Church for the midnight service on Christmas Eve. Holy Communion was celebrated by the rector, Rev. H. C. Secker.

Miss Ruth Roblin, of Kapuskasing, spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reade Roblin.

Pay Lieut. S. B. and Mrs. Cunningham and son, Arthur, are in Kingston for a week, after which Lieut. Cunningham leaves for his new post.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Duffett were Christmas guests of their daughter, Mrs. Fred Harkness, and Mr. Harkness, Kingston.

The Misses Dorothy and Frances Magee and Mr. Robert Magee, of Toronto, and Miss Eleanor Magee, of Montreal, were with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Magee, for the holiday season.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Walker, of Toronto, were guests of Mrs. Walker's sister, Mrs. McMahon, for over the Christmas holiday.

The euchre sponsored by the Ladies' Guild, on Tuesday evening, December 19th, was well attended, 14 tables being in play. Extra prizes were donated by Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Wilson, of Conway, and were won by the following: Mrs. Guy Huyck, Mrs. Albert Steers, Miss Gwen Huyck, Mr. Bert Magee, Mr. Alex. Allen, and Mrs. Jack Mccormick.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gallagher spent the holiday with their daughter, Mrs. Hegadorn, Bath.

Mr. Chalmers Hughes, of Peterborough, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Allison, Christmas Day.

CAMDEN EAST

Camden East, Dec. 26. — Christmas services were held in St. Luke's Anglican Church, Presbyterian Church, and the United Church, on Sunday, with a goodly number in attendance.

Miss Ola Wright, of Toronto, was the supper guest of Mrs. E. Jeffrey on Saturday, and spent the week end with Mrs. J. W. Galbraith and Fred, Bethel Street.

Sergt. Hanaghan and Bernie Allore, of Camp Borden, spent the holidays at their homes here.

Mrs. Guy and Miss Mary spent Christmas with the former's grandchildren, Mrs. J. Mackay, and Mr. Mackay, River Road.

Miss Marian Riley, of Ottawa, is spending her holidays at her home with her sisters, Miss Marjory Riley and Mrs. D. Sexsmith.

F.O. John Glen, of Summerside, P.E.I., spent Christmas with Mrs. Glen and David, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Alkenbrack.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Patterson were dinner guests at the home of their daughter, Mrs. A. Alkenbrack, and family on Christmas Day.

Mr. Charles Histed spent Christmas with his son, Mr. Percy E. Histed, and Mrs. Histed.

Dr. and Mrs. Huxtable, of Odessa, were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Black.

Sergt. F. Hanaghan and family spent Christmas in Kingston, and visited their son, "Chub", who is a patient in the General Hospital. Glad to report "Chub" as gaining, and we all hope to see him home soon again.

Sergt. Earl Williams, of Halifax, is spending Christmas with his mother, Mrs. E. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Qr. Hinch spent Thursday in Kingston.

Mr. Wilfred Connolly and mother, of Yarker, spent Christmas with Mrs. E. Jeffrey and family.

J. A. Cooper held his annual draw on Friday night at 9:00 o'clock. The lucky winners were: Turkey, Mr. B. Yoemans; Goose, Mr. Willie Griffith; 5-lb. boxes of Chocolates, Jim Robinson, George Robinson, and Fenwick Amey; War Saving Certificate, Nina Thompson.

Mr. Delbert Sexsmith, Bicknell's Corners, spent Christmas at the Riley home.

Mrs. Geo. Jeffrey, Reg.N., of Kingston, spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Salsbury, River Road.

Geo. Salsbury, of Kingston, also spent the week end at home.

BRITAIN'S PORTAL HOUSES

BY JOHN DAUPHINEE

Canadian Press Staff Writer

London. — Britain's pre-fabricated "Portal Houses" — 500,000 of them turned out at rate of 2,500 weekly if government plans are carried out—will be spotted about the country in groups of 50 to 200, laid out in routine patterns with even the mass color scheme according to set specifications.

This is the picture set out in a White Paper published especially for municipal officials outlining the scheme for hustling up the provision of emergency housing for servicemen and the millions left homeless by blitz and buzz-bomb.

Now municipalities from Land's End to Lowestoft, from the Isle of Wight to Thurso, are picking sites where these midget small-family dwellings with a projected 10-year life can be planted, nine to the acre, on their concrete bases.

The first instalment of the almost flat-roofed, five-roomed houses—subject of intense controversy in parliament and elsewhere since the scheme was first propounded months ago — will come from the factory in sections early in the New Year. Samples will be sent to active war theatres so servicemen can see the houses for which they have top priority.

Relatively few Britons like the "Portals" in any of the four forms in which they will be made available, and even the government which drafted the basic design admits that they are far from perfect. The White Paper emphasizes that the temporary scheme must not be allowed to delay unduly the building of more attractive, but it adds:

"The use of temporary accommodation will make it possible to provide the number of dwellings which could otherwise be provided with the limited amount of skilled labor available in the first years after building can be resumed."

Certainly the housing need is urgent. After the buzz-bomb attacks 900,000 houses needed repairs to make them even reasonably comfortable. More than 125,000 homes have been destroyed since the war began. And these have been virtually no new building to make room for an estimated 250,000 new families established during the last five years.

Cost of the portals has been set at £600 (about $2,700) plus the cost of the site and installation of public services. The Ministry of Health will pay about £316 a year for 10 years. The municipal authorities will pay about £105 annually.

"The houses will be provided and owned by the government," says the White Paper. They will be erected on sites acquired and developed by the local authority.

The local authority will choose the tenants, fix and receive the rents, manage the property and keep it in repair. . . Sites for bungalows should wherever possible be sufficient to not less than 100, or in the case of authorities with smaller programs not less than 50. . . .

Rental of the Portals is expected to be around $27 a month—about the rent charged by municipalities for permanent houses which they own. The rent figure has been set with an eye to the possibility that tenants might not want to leave the Portals for permanent houses if rents were going to cost much more money, a living room, two bedrooms, kitchen and bathroom. The rooms are small and the ceilings uniformly seven feet six inches high. Space is to be tight that the White Paper acknowledges the bungalows are "not suitable for any large furniture of the old-fashioned type" and the government is taking steps to help prospective tenants to buy "utility" furniture that will fit.

All the houses, regardless of type, will contain the same built-in cupboards and kitchen and bathroom units. They differ mainly in the type of material used for walls and roof.

The "pressed steel bungalow" is the original "Portal House" as revised to meet suggestions by Londoners after several prototypes were exhibited — has an area of 635 square feet including a shed of 32 square feet. As its name implies, walls and roof are made of sheet steel, insulated for warmth and silence.

A LONDON LETTER

The rags, bags, bottles and bones merchants son who won the bravery has created a sensation in London.

There was't much out of the ordinary noticeable at first for Cpl. Sidney (Basher) Bates was awarding the V.C. for charging and breaking with a Bren gun a German counter-attack in Normandy but never lived to receive the medal. And that was the story the newspapers told.

However, a few days after the announcement of the award reporters tracked down the soldier's family. They found his father, mother and baby sister living on the frinze of respectable destitution in one of London's poorer sections.

The father they found made a doubtful living by buying and reselling cast-offs. Every morning he hitched a dwarf-like horse affectionately called "Blossom" to a rickety wagon and made his rounds with that familiar shout "any old rags, bags, bottles, bones."

For the war cut into his business — "people are giving all their rags to salvage drives," he explained — and finally it got to the point where he was earning about $12 weekly on good week. Out of this he had to pay $7 to keep Blossom in working trim and the rest went to buy clothing and food for himself, his wife and his young daughter who was in school.

For the first few war years things he'n't been too tough. Mr. Bates said. True, their home with its few bits of furniture and beloved pictures, was blitzed a couple of times — the last was when a robot bomb hit it and the church next to it and while the church has been rebuilt the Bates home is still badly smashed — but Basher was a dutiful son and sent money home regularly. This kept the family going.

But Basher killed himself winning the V.C. and his relations stopped. The rags, bags, bottles and bones business was the sole source of income—$12 a week for a family of four, counting Blossom.

The papers played this story, giving it equal place with war news. A few editorials appeared and a few influential people promised to "look in the cafe." But it took Basher's mates fighting in the front of Holland to do something concrete about the situation.

Three men of the Royal Norfolk Regiment, reading of the poverty of the Bates' family, went to their commanding officer and said they wanted to help. And they did — raising from their meagre army pay some $715 "which amount doesn't include what the officers donated," the O.C. announced.

That sum has been forwarded to "Basher's" family and they will have a pleasant Christmas and an easier winter at least.

Mr. Bates is feeling more cheerful now than he has since receiving the news of his son's heroic death and his great worry when he heard of the award was that he wouldn't have suitable clothes in which to go to Buckingham Palace and receive the medal from The King. But now he has a new suit — his first in seven years.

Scorched Earth

The horror of the ruthless scorched earth policy carried out by the Quislings most Norway by the Germans was emphasized by John Haugland a Norwegian who escaped across Norway under German occupation, speaking in London.

He pointed out that quite apart from German military installations, the Germans are burning towns to the 'last house.' They are also rendering useless every possible means of transportation so that the homeless civilians are forced to travel on foot in search of shelter.

Haugland also referred to the critical food situation which faces the Norwegian people this winter, particularly as a result of the bad potato crop and the complete stoppage of all grain supplies from Germany. He continued: 'But my countrymen are being given a new heart to face these and all other hardship by the liberation by the Red Army of northern Norway. In areas from which the Germans have already been driven they can see the slow return of normal life beginning under Norwegian civil administration, reinstated by the Russians in the Kirkenes district in accordance with the Soviet-Norwegian agreement of May, 1941.

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Client: Then tell her that's not her. My wife never asked for permission when she got her message to me!

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DORLAND

Dorland, Dec. 23. — The weather and roads continue to be interesting topics. The roads are now almost open and than they fill up again, and along township lines mail delivery is quite uncertain. Those who were planning to spend Christmas away from home are wondering whether they will be able to get through. It is a common occurrence for cars to be left along the way while the passengers either trade home or phone for a team to come to the rescue. Gignoux ferry is still operating, but this is likely to be the last day as the boat has been breaking heavy ice for daytime it is becoming increasingly difficult to get in and out of the slips. Ice in Bay Bay is solid, cars have begun to cross. Owing to unfavorable conditions the United Church service was cancelled last Sunday morning.

Mrs. B. Richardson, who has been ill with pneumonia, is able to be around again.

The public school concerts were on a smaller scale than usual and were held in the afternoon.

The United Church Sunday School

COLLINS BAY

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BATH

Bath, Dec. 17. — The supper held in the Masonic Hall in aid of St. John's Church was a success in spite of having been postponed on account of the storm and roads.

The annual School Commencement held on Friday night was presented to a full house for both the program and the dance. A three-act play was

Miss Betty Haight spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Haight.

Rev. and Mrs. K. J. Crawford had Christmas dinner at Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Crawford's, Kingston, and then went on to Morton to visit Mrs. Crawford's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roantree.

The sympathy of the community is extended to Mrs. Clark Peters, on the death of her husband, Mr. Clark Peters, a former resident of Sandhurst, who passed away at the home of his nephew, Mr. Harold Peters.

ENTERPRISE

Presentation and Farewell Party for Mrs. H. A. Carscallen

Enterprise, Dec. 16. — Over 100 friends and neighbors of Enterprise community gathered on Wednesday evening, December 13th, at the home of S. D. Wagar, to honor his sister, Mrs. H. A. Carscallen. During the evening, contests, conducted by Mrs. R. C. Covert, and cards were enjoyed. Later, Mrs. G. A. Wagar and Mrs. W. J. Coulter called the gathering to order, and Rev. H. E. Frair read an address to Mrs. Carscallen, and H. B. Hartman presented her with a well filled purse. Mrs. Carscallen thanked her friends for their kind thoughts and best wishes, and invited all to visit her in her new home in Kingston. Lunch was served by Mrs. Eric Jackson, Mrs. R. C. Covert, Mrs. G. A. Wagar, Mrs. W. J. Coulter, Mrs. Roy Hartman, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hartman, H. E. Vannest, and Carmen Bell.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Davey, of Woodrow, Sask., are spending several weeks with Mr. Davey's son, Charles Davey, and Mrs. Davey. Mr. Davey, Sr., is renewing acquaintances, after an absence of 40 years.

Mrs. Peter Storey, of Violet, is visiting her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Storey.

Mrs. Henry Kellar, of Cremorne, Alta., spent several days last week with her nephew, R. T. Wagar, and family.

S. D. Wagar is visiting his sister, Mrs. H. A. Carscallen, Victoria St., Kingston.

Miss Eileen Milligan is spending a few days in Toronto this week.

Enterprise, Dec. 23. — Christmas guests who spent the week end in the village were: Mrs. M. Baddley, of Toronto, and sons, Garth and Gerald, also Gerald Loucks, of Kingston, with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Loucks; Camfield Jackson, of Fort Erie, with his brother, B. C. Jackson, and Mrs. Jackson; Mr. and Mrs. Glen MacMillan, of Kingston, and Burt Vannest, of Brantford, with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Vannest. Mr. and Mrs. Forde Fenwick and Bobby, of Kingston, with Mr. and Mrs. Guy Fenwick; Glenn Weaver, of Toronto, with his mother, Mrs. Alonzo Weaver, and his sister, Miss Freda Wagar; Clarence Coulter, of Brantford, with his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Coulter; L.A.C. Donald Kyle, R.C.A.F., of Kingston, with Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Covert and family.

Rev. and Mrs. H. E. Frair, Miss Emma and Master George Frair, spent Christmas Day with friends in Arden.

Those who are spending Christmas week in the village are Miss Sara Wilson, Central School, Kingston, with her mother, Mrs. Mary Wilson; Miss Alfreda Milligan, Ottawa, with her grandfather, A. W. Milligan; Clarence Bell, Fort Erie, with his father, John Bell, and Miss Glenda Purdy, Kingston, with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Walker.

Word was received in the village of the sudden death of Arnold Elmore Smith, aged 67, of Ottawa, who died of a heart seizure in Belleville on December 20th. The late Mr. Smith was a resident of Enterprise for several years.

Enterprise W. M. S.

Enterprise, Dec. 26. — The Christmas meeting of the W. M. S. of Enterprise United Church was held recently at the home of Mrs. Amos Storey. Mrs. George Nelson, Vice President, opened the meeting with a Christmas call to worship, and Mrs. H. E. Frair was pianist. Yearly reports were given. Mrs. George Lockwood received the offering, in the Mite Box. Rev. Mr. Frair took charge of the election of officers, which resulted as follows:

President—Mrs. H. E. Vannest.
Vice President—Mrs. Geo. Nelson.
Recording Secretary and Press Reporter—Mrs. Cecil Kennedy.
Treasurer—Mrs. Elmore Raymond.
Literature and Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Geo. Lockwood.
Temperance Secretary — Mrs. Roy Hartman.
Stewardship Secretary—Mrs. H. M. Jackson.
Missionary Monthly Secretary—Mrs. Cecil Kennedy.
Pioneer Fund Secretary—Mrs. R. C. Covert.
Pianist—Mrs. William Jackson.
Assistant Pianist — Mrs. R. C. Covert.
Mission Band Leader:—Mrs. Howard Holland and Mrs. Amos Storey.

The Christmas program, with a candle lighting service, interspersed with carol singing, was in charge of Mrs. Roy Hartman and Mrs. George Lockwood, assisted by Mrs. Amos Storey, Mrs. H. M. Jackson, Mrs. George Nelson, Miss Peter Storey, and Mrs. Catharine Hogle.

The hostess served a dainty lunch. During the social half hour all sang "Happy Birthday to You" in honor of Mrs. Peter Storey, who was celebrating her 83rd birthday.

The January meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Geo. Lockwood.

COLEBROOK

Colebrook, Dec. 26. — Yarker-Colebrook W. M. S. meeting was held on December 14th, at 8:00 p.m., at the home of Mrs. A. Switzer. Yarker, Mrs Salisbury had charge of the worship service, and Mesdames Hawley, Wright, Freeman, Purcell, Switzer and Salisbury. Mrs. Hawley gave a monologue, showing how Christ should come first in our giving. Roll call was answered by a Christmas verse. The meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Hawley, after which the hostess and helpers served a dainty lunch.

The pupils of the Public School put on a concert in the school on Thursday afternoon. The concert consisted of songs, dialogues, and readings. After the concert, Santa Claus appeared and distributed gifts to the children.

Mrs. Ira Salisbury has been indisposed, suffering from a serious foot ailment. We hope for a speedy recovery.

Holiday visitors included Miss Bertie Wagar at Mrs. H. Wagar's; L.A.C. N. Garrison and Mrs. Garrison at Mrs. E. D. Shangraw's; Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Clark, at W. E. Yeomans'; Mr. and Mrs. N. Sutton, of Toronto, at Mr. Wm. Jack on's; Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Price, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Paul, Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Purcell, Mr. D. Stover, at Mr. E. F. Purcell's; L.A.C. A. Wartman at Mr. A. C. Hart's; Mrs. Tompkins, of Toronto, at Mr. S. Hart's; Mr. D. Earnard, of Toronto, at Mr. J. Love's; Mr. and Mrs. P. Galbraith at Mr. R. Babcock's, Harrowsmith; Mr. and Mrs. J. Love at Mr. M. Love's, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Riddle at Mr. A. Cowdy's, Murvale.

MARLBANK

Marlbank, Dec. 26. — The W. A. of the United Church held their annual supper and bazaar on Saturday, December 9th, which was quite well attended despite the unfavorable weather. A large array of aprons, a quilt, and other articles were offered for sale. There was also a fish pond, which the children enjoyed. The tidy sum of nearly $90.00 was realized.

The Christmas concert was held in the United Church Hall on Friday evening. The hall was filled with the people of the village and community. There was a lengthy program of choruses, recitations, dialogues and an interesting play by five young ladies. Rev. Mr. Baueh gave a solo, which was enjoyed. He also acted as chairman for the evening. At the close of the program Santa Claus appeared and distributed the many presents on the tree, also a treat for every child. The sum of $26.95 was taken in.

Mrs. E. Baddley, who has been confined to the house for the past two weeks, is able to be out again.

Misses Helen and Mildred Lewis, of Kingston, spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Lewis.

Mr. Jack Godfrey spent Christmas with friends in Belleville.

Pte. Victor McGregor, who has been stationed in Alberta, arrived here on Christmas Day to spend a furlough with his wife and little daughter, Marlene.

The following guests from Toronto spent the Yuletide holidays at their homes here: The Misses Eva Elms and Marion Marlin, Miss Velda Bradley, Miss Nettie McCutcheon, Mr. Billy Baird, Mr. Bruce Somerville, and Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Allen.

Mr. Ross McKeown, of Kingston, spent Christmas at Bill Williams'.

Mr. Ted Turkington, of Belleville, was with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Davey Turkington.

Mr. Jack Ballance, of Napanee, spent Sunday here with her father, Mr. R. W. Asselstine.

Mr. Norman Beckwith, of the United States, spent Christmas with his sister, Mrs. Kendall, and brother, Mr. Percy Eykewith.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Tuepah and family of Collins Bay, spent the holidays with Mrs. Tuepah's mother, Mrs. E. Knoll and grandmother, Mrs. Windover.

Mrs. Joe McLaughlin spent Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. John Kimmett, and Mr. Kimmett, Roblin.

Mrs. Joe Flynn spent Christmas in Toronto with her children.

Sgt. Vimy York and Mr. Norrad, of Peterborough, spent Christmas Day here with Sgt. York's parents. Mrs. York accompanied her son to Peterborough to spend a day.

Mr. Dallas Somerville spent Christmas with his sister, Mrs. Odis Davis, and family, near Selby.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Young were Christmas guests of their daughter, Mrs. Earl Alexander, and family, at Moneymore.

Mrs. J. G. Hunt and infant son, Paul Gregory, returned home from the Hotel Dieu Hospital, Kingston.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Benn, of Toronto, were recent guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Florence Benn, and his sister, Mrs. Rex Woolgar, and Mr. Woolgar.

Mr. Francis Somerville and brother, Bruce, were Christmas guests of their sister, Mrs. Gerrison, and Mr. Garrison, Kingston.

Messrs. Matt. and James Jordan and sister, Rose, spent the Christmas guests of their parents here.

Miss Madeline Taylor, of Kingston, also visited at Christmas at her parents' home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold English and Betty, of Belleville, were Yuletide guests of Mrs. English's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Booth.

Mr. Booth's friends are glad to set him able to be out again, after being ill.

Wilfred Booth, who is attending Bath High School, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Booth.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Hawley were Christmas guests of the latter's sister, Mrs. Fred Dafoe, and Mr. Dafoe, West Plain.

Mr. and Mrs. James Harten and Donna spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. William Dafoe, West Plain.

Christmas guests at the W. C. Marlow home were Mr. and Mrs. Ted and Mrs. Ed. York, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. York, Vimy, Yvonne, and Mr. Norrad, of Peterborough; Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Stinson, Glenn and Ronald, of Tamworth; Mr. Calvin York, of Tamworth, and Mrs. Wm. Wickham, Anna and Ted, of Lime Lake.

Mrs. Thos. Bird and children, of Toronto, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Moore, for Christmas.

ADOLPHUSTOWN

Adolphustown, Dec. 26. — A large congregation was in attendance at St. Alban's Church for the midnight service on Christmas Eve. Holy Communion was celebrated by the rector, Rev. H. C. Secker.

Miss Ruth Roblin, of Kapuskasing, spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reade Roblin.

Pay Lieut. S. B. and Mrs. Cunningham and son, Arthur, are in Kingston for a week after which Lieut. Cunningham leaves for his new post.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Duffett were Christmas guests of their daughter, Mrs. Fred Harkness, and Mr. Harkness, Kingston.

The Misses Dorothy and Frances Magee and Mr. Robert Magee, of Toronto, and Miss Eleanor Magee, of Montreal, were with their parents, Mr and Mrs. Bert Magee, for the holiday season.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Walker, of Toronto, were guests of Mrs. Walker's sister, Mrs. McMahon, for over the Christmas holiday.

The euchre sponsored by the Ladies' Guild, on Tuesday evening, December 19th, was well attended, 14 tables being in play. Extra prizes were donated by Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Wilson, of Conway, and were won by the following: Mrs. Guy Huyck, Mrs. Albert Steers, Miss Gwen Huyck, Mr. Bert Magee, Mr. Alex. Allen, and Mrs. Jack McCormick.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gallagher spent the holiday with their daughter, Mrs. Herndorn, Bath.

Mr. Chalmers Hughes, of Peterborough, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Allison, Christmas Day.

CAMDEN EAST

Camden East, Dec. 26 — Christmas services were held in St. Luke's Anglican Church, Presbyterian Church, and the United Church, on Sunday, with a goodly number in attendance.

Miss Ola Weighill, of Toronto, was the supper guest of Mrs. E. Jeffrey on Saturday, and spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Galbraith and Fred, Bethel Street.

Sergt. Hanaghan and Bernie Alloe, of Camp Borden, spent the holidays at their homes here.

Mrs. Guy and Miss Mary spent Christmas with the former's grandaughter, Mrs. J. Mackay, and Mr. Mackay, River Road.

Miss Marion Riley of Ottawa, is spending her holidays at her home with her sisters, Miss Marjory Riley and Mrs. D. Sexsmith.

F.O. John Glen, of Summerside, P.E.I. spent Christmas with Mrs. Glen and David, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Alkenbrack.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Patterson were dinner guests at the home of their daughter, Mrs. A. Alkenbrack, and family, on Christmas Day.

Mr. Clair Hosted spent Christmas with his son, Mr. Percy E. Hosted, and Mrs. Hosted.

Dr. and Mrs. Huxtable, of Odessa, were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Black.

Sergt. Hanaghan and family spent Christmas in Kingston, and visited their son, "Chub", who is a patient in the General Hospital. Glad to report "Chub" as earning, and we all hope to see him home soon again.

Sergt. Earl Williams, of Halifax, is spending Christmas with his mother, Mrs. E. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Oz. Hinch spent Thursday in Kingston.

Mr. Wilfred Connolly and mother, of Yarker, spent Christmas with Mrs. E. Jeffrey and family.

J. A. Cooper held his annual draw on Friday night at 9:00 o'clock. The lucky winners were: Turkey, Mr. H. Yeomans; Goose, Mr. Willie Griffith; 5-lb. boxes of Chocolates, Jim Robinson, George Robinson, and Fenwick Amey; War Saving Certificate, Nina Thompson.

Mr. Delbert Sexsmith, Bucknell's Corners, spent Christmas at the Riley home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey, Reg N., of Kingston, spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Salsbury, River Road.

Geo. Salsbury, of Kingston, also spent the week end at home.

BRITAIN'S PORTAL HOUSES

BY JOHN DAUPHINEE

Canadian Press Staff Writer

London — Britain's pre-fabricated "Portal Houses" — 500,000 of them — turned out at rate of 2,500 weekly if government plans are carried out — will be spotted about the country in groups of 50 to 200, laid out in routine patterns with even the mass of color scheme according to set specifications.

This is the picture set out in a White Paper published especially for municipal officials, outlining the scheme for hustling up the provision of emergency housing for service-men and the millions left homeless by blitz and buzz-bomb.

Now municipalities from Land's End to Lewesfirst, from the Isle of Wight to Thurso, are picking sites where these midget small-family dwellings with a projected 10-year life can be placed, nine to the acre, on their concrete bases.

The first instalment of the almost flat-roofed, five-roomed homes—subject of intense controversy in parliament and elsewhere since the scheme was first propounded months ago — will come from the factory in sections early in the New Year. Some will be sent to active war theatres so servicemen can see the houses for which they have top priority.

Relatively few Britons like the 'Portals' in any of the four forms in which they will be made available, and even the government, which drafted the basic design admits that they are far from perfect. The White Paper emphasizes that the temporary scheme must not be allowed to delay unduly the building of permanent homes, but it adds:

"The use of temporary accommodation . . . will make it possible to double the number of dwellings which can be provided with the limited amount of skilled labor available in the first years after building can be resumed."

Certainly the housing need is urgent. After the buzz-bomb attacks 800,000 London homes needed repairs to make them even reasonably comfortable. More than 125,000 homes have been destroyed since the war began. And there has been virtually no new building to make room for an estimated 250,000 new families established during the last five years.

Cost of the portals has been set at £900 (about $2,700) plus the cost of the site and installation of public services. The Ministry of Health will pay about $316 a year for 10 years. The municipal authorities will pay about $105 annually.

"The houses will be provided and owned by the government," says the White Paper. They will be erected on sites acquired and developed by the local authority.

The local authority will choose the tenants, fix and receive the rents, manage the property and keep it in repair. . . . Sites for bungalows should wherever possible be sufficient for not less than 100, or in the case of authorities with smaller programmes not less than 50. . . .

Rental of the Portals is expected to be around $27 a month—about the rent charged by municipalities for permanent houses which they own. The rent figure has been set with an eye to the possibility that tenants might not want to leave the Portals for permanent houses if they were going to cost much more, such as a living room, two bedrooms, kitchen and bathroom. The rooms are large and the ceilings uniformly nine feet six inches high. Space is saved by the White Paper scheme, which envisages bungalows are "not suitable for large furniture of the old-fashioned type" and the government is taking steps to help prospective tenants in the purchase of "utility" furniture that will be suitable.

All the houses, regardless of type, will contain the same fitments—dressing boards and kitchen and bathroom units. They differ mainly in the amount of material used for walls.

The "pressed steel house" is the original "Portal House" which was devised to meet suggestions by engineers after several prototypes had been exhibited. . . . has an area of 635 square feet including a shed of 50 square feet. As its name implies, the roof are made of sheet steel, insulated for warmth and silence.

A LONDON LETTER

The rags, bags, bottles and bones merchant's son who [illegible] has created a sensation [illegible] in London.

There was not much [illegible] about the ordinary noticeable [illegible] Sidney Basher. But [illegible] the V.C. for charging [illegible] with a Bren gun a German [illegible] attack in Normandy, and [illegible] to receive the medal. And [illegible] the story this newspaper [illegible].

However a few days after the announcement of the award reporters tracked down the soldier's family. They found his father in a [illegible] hitched a dwarf-like horse [illegible] lonately called "Blossom" to the [illegible] waggon and made his rounds with that familiar shout [illegible] rags, bags, bottles, bones."

But this was not in his business.

"People are giving all these waste to salvage drives," he said, "and finally, it got to the point where he was earning about $12 weekly on a good week. Out of this he had to pay $7 to keep Blossom in nosebag trim and the rest went to his clothing and food for himself and wife and his young daughter who was in school.

For the first few war years things like that been too touch. At Bates said: True, their home with its few bits of furniture and [illegible] pictures was blitzed a number of times — the last was when a robot bomb hit it and the chimney next to it and while the chimney was rebuilt the Bates home is still badly smashed — but Basher was a dutiful son and sent money home regularly. This kept the family going.

But Basher killed himself winning the VC and his donation appeared. The rags, bags, bottles and bones business was the sole source of income—$12 a week for a family of four, counting Blossom.

The papers played this story, giving it equal place with war news. A few editorials were written on it. A few influential people promised to look in the case. But no one took Basher's matter-of-fact acceptance of Holland to do something concrete about the situation.

Three men of the Royal Norfolk Regiment, reading of the poverty of the Bates' family, went to their commanding officer and said they wanted to help. Any pay due to them from their meagre army pay some $715 "which amount doesn't include what the officers donated," the OC announced.

That sum has been forwarded to "Basher's" mother, and she will have a pleasant Christmas and an easier winter at least.

Mr. Bates is feeling more cheerful now than he has since receiving the news of his son's heroic death — his great worry when he heard of the award was that he couldn't have suitable clothes in which to go to Buckingham Palace and receive the medal from The King. But now he has a new suit — his first in seven years.

Scorched Earth

The horror of the ruthless scorched earth policy carried out in the most Norway by the Germans was emphasized by John Haugland a Norwegian who spent some years under German occupation, speaking in London.

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ODESSA

Odessa Dec. 20. The Public School Christmas concert held Friday evening was a decided success in every way. The lengthy program showed talent and with the pretty costumes worn by the actors, proved very entertaining. Much of the credit is due Miss Cairns and Miss Walker, teachers of the Public School.

Mrs. Nelson Smith received word that her brother, Mr. Norman Scott, had passed away very suddenly in Toronto. We extend sympathy to her.

Mrs. Blanche Scott has returned to her home in Montreal after visiting her sister, Mrs. Ethel Allen.

Miss Joyce McPherson, Belleville, spent the week end with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Shelley Denyes.

Mrs. William Cairns and daughters, Joan and Bonnie Lou, who have been residing in Whitby, are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cairns.

Mr. William Cairns has been transferred from the A. & P. Store staff in Whitby to Napanee, and with his wife and family will be residing there.

Conway - Sandhurst

Conway - Sandhurst, Dec. 26. — Mr. Ray Morton and Miss Marguerite Morton spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Morton.

Miss Elizabeth Wright, of St. Thomas, and Miss Lois Wright, of Peterborough, are holidaying with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Wright.